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PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 2.

It is now more than likely that both the Turkish and Grecian Governments will participate in the proceedings of the proposed conference. It is given out to-day that ALEXANDER RHA BANGABE, a noted Grecian poet, will represent Greece, and FURAD PASHA, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, will represent the Sublime Porte. The Conference will be composed of the Ambassadors to France from the various Powers of Europe. The sittings will be held in this city, and be presided over by M. LAVALLETTE, the new French Foreign Secretary. The time of the meeting has not yet been fully agreed upon.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

The Conference on the Eastern difficulty will meet at Paris on the 9th of January. It is said that should its deliberations prove abortive, Russia will demand strict non-intervention on the part of the European Powers in the quarrel between Greece and Turkey.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 2.

A dispatch from Athens states that the Turkish Admiral, HOBART PASHA, has formally demanded the surrender of the Greek steamer *Erosis*. The dispatch adds that war is considered inevitable at Athens.

SPAIN.

Extent of the Insurrection in Malaga—The Attitude of France.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 2.

Further details of the suppression of the insurrection at Malaga have been received by telegraph. After a sharp engagement in the streets of the city, Gen. DE RODA succeeded in routing the rebels and restoring order. The war vessels at anchor in the harbor acted in concert with Gen. DE RODA by pouring a galling fire into the ranks of the insurgents. The country now is entirely tranquil.

MADRID, Sunday, Jan. 3.

The official reports state that the loss of the insurgents during the late fighting in Malaga was 400 hundred men. The city is now perfectly quiet.

PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 2.

The journals state that at the New-Year's reception the Emperor told Señor OLOZAGA, the Spanish Envoy, to convey to his Government the warmest wishes both of himself personally and of France for the happiness and prosperity of Spain.

FRANCE.

The Chinese Embassy—Preparation of Iron-Clads for Sea.

PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 2.

The *Patrie*, of to-day, in the course of an editorial on the Chinese Embassy, says that "China, observing her international obligations, comes to treat with the great commercial nations," and expresses the belief "that in the negotiation of treaties with her the Powers will find that additional markets for the commerce of the world will be developed in the new regions which will be opened to civilization." The *Patrie*, consequently, hopes that Mr. BURLINGAME'S mission will prove successful.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Mr. BURLINGAME and the other members of the Chinese Embassy have arrived in this city.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Dispatches from Paris report that several French iron-clads are preparing for sea.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Another Address to Hon. Reverdy Johnson.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 2—Evening.

At a meeting of workingmen, held at Lambeth, to-night, presided over by Rev. NEWMAN HALL, an address was presented to Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, the American Minister. Mr. JOHNSON made a speech in reply, in which he said that the continuance of good feeling between Great Britain and the United States was sure to be demanded by the people of both countries. His remarks were received with great enthusiasm.

ITALY.

The Collection of the Mill-Tax—Riots in Various Places.

FLORENCE, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Riotous disturbances, arising out of the attempts of the revenue officers to collect the unpopular mill-tax, are reported in some parts of the Kingdom, but they appear to be of an insignificant character.

AUSTRIA

Maximilian's Monument.

TRIESTE, Sunday, Jan. 3.

The Emperor NAPOLEON has subscribed 5,000 francs for the monument to be erected here to the late Emperor MAXIMILIAN.

CUBA

Important Information from Private Sources—The Prospects of the Revolutionists.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Private letters received here from Cuba do not confirm the recent reports from that country relative to the reverses of the revolutionists. It is stated that to-day the insurgents outnumber the Spanish garrison in the island, and that there is every prospect that they will be successful. It is thought that if they can hold out until March, independence is certain. They contemplate total the abolition of slavery, and will not have annexation to the United States unless as a final resort.

The Opening of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad—Heavy Snow-Storm.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Sunday, Jan. 3.

The opening of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad will be celebrated here on the 19th inst. The Legislature and Gov. HOFFMAN, with the officers of the Erie Railroad, the Syracuse and Binghamton Railroad, and the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad, also the officers and directors of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, are expected to be present. Two trains will come from Albany, arriving here at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and one of them will return in the evening. There will be a grand dinner, with speeches, &c. The citizens of Binghamton are making preparations for a fine celebration. The snow-storm is severe here. The snow has drifted somewhat, and is from fifteen to twenty inches deep.

The trains on all the roads are several hours behind time. One freight train was twenty hours behind time, and two or three have been abandoned. In many places in the country around Binghamton the drifted snow covers the fences.

THE INDIANS.

Latest Reports from Gen. Sheridan—Gen. Custer Still on the War-path.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Jan. 2.

Gen. SHERMAN has received a letter from Gen. SHERIDAN, dated Fort Cobb, Dec. 19, noting his arrival there the day previous with Gen. CUSTER'S Seventh Cavalry and ten companies of the Nineteenth Kansas Cavalry, in all about 1,500 men. Gen. SHERIDAN spent one day on CUSTAR'S battle-field, and found the bodies of Major ELLIOTT and sixteen soldiers; also the bodies of Mrs. BLINN and child, white captives in the Indian camp. Mrs. BLINN was shot through the forehead and the child's brains dashed out.

Gen. SHERIDAN followed on the trail down the Washita seventy miles, when he came upon a camp of Kiowas, who met him with a letter from Gen. HAZEN, which declared them so be friendly. SHERIDAN required the leaders to accompany him to Fort Cobb, but discovered while traveling toward that point that they were sending their families to the Washita Mountains. Suspecting that they were attempting to deceive him, he took Santana and Lone Wolf, and notified them he would hold them as hostages, and that if all the Kiowas did not come to Fort Cobb, he would hang them. Gen. SHERIDAN says:

"The Indians now realize for the first time that Winter will not compel us to make a truce with them," and adds that "the Kiowas have been engaged in the war all the time, and have been playing fast and loose; that they have attempted to browbeat Gen. HAZEN since he came to Fort Cobb, but I will take the starch out of them before I leave them."

The Cheyennes, Arapahoes and one band of Comanches, with fifty lodges of Kiowas, are now at Washita Mountains. Gen. SHERIDAN, after consultation with Gen. HAZENS proposes, when the Kiowas come in, to punish those who are known to have been concerned in personal acts of murder. He will send Black Kettle's sister out to the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, and command them to come in and submit to like treatment. If they refuse to come in, he will carry on war against them in the Washita Mountains. He will leave with Gen. HAZEN a sufficient force to enable him to control the Indians now at Cobb, and such others as may come in there. During the march from Camp Supply the weather and snow was very severe, but the health of the command was good —two men of the Seventh Cavalry and six of the Nineteenth Kansas Regiment only being sick. In a private letter to Gen. SHERMAN, dated one day later, Gen. SHERIDAN says the Kiowas are coming in.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

The following dispatch has been received at the Adjutant-General's Office at Washington:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2, 1869.

To the Adjutant-General of the Army:

I have just heard from Gen. SHERIDAN, who reached Fort Cobb Dec. 19, with the Seventh Cavalry and the Nineteenth Kansas Volunteers, all well. He has had no more fighting, but reports that he has possession of Satanta and Lone Wolf, whom he holds till the Kiowas surrender or to him. Gens. SHERMAN and HAZEN are now together and can settle this matter perfectly.

(Signed) W. T. SHERMAN,
Lieutenant-General.

Depredations by the Arizona Indians—Scarcity of Provisions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 2.

Late advices from Arizona state that the Wallapais Indians had broken faith with Col. PRICE and were again committing depredations; that the people of Wickenburg and vicinity had organized a company of scouts for the purpose of chastising the Indians, and, also, that they had petitioned Gen. ORD for troops. The Apaches had murdered two men in Pinos County and stolen a number of cattle, which the troops had succeeded in recapturing. The Pinos Indians had committed outrages near Maricopa Wells, but Gen. ALEXANDER had settled the matter without a resort to arms. The Pinosa are numerous and trouble with them is to be avoided.

There was no flour at Prescott or La Paz, and the people were living on corn meal and vegetables. A vessel loaded with supplies is supposed to have been lost off the Mexican coast in a recent storm.

Mining, both at the Placier and Quartz mines, was being prosecuted vigorously.

HENRY JENKINS, of New-York, a member of the present Legislature, had died at Tucson.

Numerous murders throughout the Territory are chronicled.

VIRGINIA.

Important Conference of Leading Politicians—They Recommend the Recognition of Universal Suffrage.

RICHMOND, Va., Saturday, Jan. 2.

For two days past a conference of some of the leading men in the State has been in session, attended by Hon. A. H. H. STUART, of Staunton; Hon. THOS. S. FLOURNOY, formerly Whig candidate for Governor; JOHN L. MARYE, *Jr.*, the present Conservative candidate for Attorney-General; WYNDHAM ROBERTSON, formerly Whig acting-Governor of the State; GEORGE W. BOLLING, JAMES F. JOHNSON, former Whig Senator; FRANK G. RUFFIN, Gen. JOHN ECHOLS, W. T. SUTHERLIN and others. Last night, after midnight, they agreed on a preamble and resolutions, which sets forth that while the people of Virginia do not believe that the negroes in their uneducated condition are as yet fit for suffrage, yet in view of the expression of public opinion in the recent national election, and in the hope of restoring harmony and union, they are willing to accept universal suffrage, coupled with universal amnesty. A committee of nine was appointed to visit Washington, and urge Congress to legislate so as to secure these to the people of the State. The Committee is composed of Messrs. A. H. H. Stuart, W. Robertson, J. B. Baldwin, James Nelson, W. T. Sutherlin, J. L. Marye, *Jr.*, J. F. Slaughter, James P. Johnson and W. L. Owen. A resolution was adopted recommending the people of the State to hold a convention on Feb. 10, in Richmond, to receive the report of the Committee, and arrange for the canvass. This conference is the result of a movement on the part of the "Do-Somethings" as distinguished from the "Do-Nothings," the former desiring to make some advance toward meeting the reconstruction acts and to averting the disabilities of the test oath, &c., of the new Constitution; and the latter believing that the people of the State should under no circumstances sanction negro suffrage, which they believe disastrous and degrading.

R. W. HOBSON, Ex-Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Danville (Virginia) District, was brought here to-night charged with defrauding the revenue, by not accounting for $26,000 received by him. He was held in $10,000 bail to answer the charge.

The Arkansas Troubles—Exciting Reports.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sunday, Jan. 3.

GEORGE BUTLER, late President of the Tennessee National Bank, was again arrested last night. He was released on $5,000 bail at Judge Catron's. He will be brought up for trial to-morrow.

It was reported here to-night, that the militia at Marion, Ark., had taken five prisoners who were confined in jail, tried them by drum-head court-martial and carried them to the woods and shot them. The names of Dr. MCKENNIE and JOHN THORPE, two well-known citizens, alone are given. The report caused considerable excitement here.

Health of San Francisco—Statistics of 1868—Real-estate Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 2.

The steamship *Sacramento*, from Panama, arrived here this evening.

There were 501 deaths in this city during the month of December, of which 143 were from small-pox.

It has been raining for the past forty-eight hours.

The published statistics for the port of San Francisco for the year 1868, show that 500 vessels were dispatched for Atlantic and foreign ports with cargoes aggregating in value $33,000,000. Several hundred vessels engaged in the coasting trade are not included in the above. The exports of wheat since July 1 were 150,000 tons, and of flour, 240,000 barrels. Reducing the flour to wheat, the total exports were 184,000 tons. It is estimated that there is still on hand for export 180,000 tons of wheat. Including that from Oregon, which will reach this market, makes 260,000 tons for export. The exports of coin and bullion for the year were $36,400,000.

Flour—No sales; quotations are unchanged. Wheat $1 70@$1 75. Legal tenders, 74½.

Mining Stocks—Alpha, $42; Belcher, $162; Bullion, $15; Challar, $153; Confidence, $38; Crown Point, $53; Empire Mill, $138; Gould & Curry, $99; Hale & Norcross, $45; Imperial, $100; Kentuck, $202; Ophir, $39; Overman, $88; Savage, $79; Sierra Nevada, $19; Yellow Jacket, $1,850.

ALBANY.

Gathering of the Members of the Legislature—The Several Candidates for the Speakership—Lively Discussions.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Only about fifty Republican and less than half that number of Democratic members of the Legislature have yet made their appearance here. The lobbyists at present outnumber the members two to one, and do pretty much all the talking. The organization of the Assembly and the United States Senatorship are the two great questions discussed, the latter taking the precedence and giving tone and shape to the former. The first will be decided in the Republican caucus to-morrow evening, and the decision, whatever it may be, is expected to foreshadow the ultimate issue of the last and main question. If YOUNGLOVE is elected Speaker, his friends expect FENTON will succeed to the United States Senate as a matter of course; and, on the other hand, if SELKREG is Speaker, MORGAN may hope to retain his seat another term. This is the generally accepted theory, and forms the basis of all discussion about the organization, at the same time it gives them all their bitterness. And yet it is by no means certain that the success of either candidate for Speaker will insure the success of his favorite for the Senatorship, by no manner of means. The chances this evening seem to favor YOUNGLOVE for Speaker, but when the other twenty-five Republican members arrive the aspect may be changed. The Selkreg or Morgan men are not so noisy and self-confident as the Fentonians, but they may, nevertheless, turn out the stronger in the end.

The Democrats take but very little interest in the fight, and if they did not follow the example of Gov. HOFFMAN and go to St. Peter's Church to-day, they certainly did not spend the Sunday in caucussing. They will meet in caucus, like their opponents, to-morrow evening, and go through the form of renominating their last year's Speaker, HITCHMAN, and will probably give him their unanimous support in the Assembly.

The Clerkship in the Republican caucus lies between E. F. UNDERHILL and CORNELIUS UNDERWOOD. UNDERHILL'S prospects are entirely satisfactory to his friends, and there is little doubt of his election.

The Missing Boston Broker.

BOSTON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

JOSEPH W. DAVIS, the broker who was reported missing in the evening papers of Saturday, publishes a card referring to his unsuccessful struggles to avoid bankruptcy, which left him in a condition mentally and physically requiring rest, and closing as follows: "On Monday morning my creditors will find me at my office prepared to show how every cent that I had has been disposed of, and where and by whom my money has been lost."

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The examination of RUTH and LILLIES, who were arrested on suspicion of murdering DAVID C. FAULKNER, the Malden watchman, resulted in their discharge from custody.

BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—The new suspension bridge at Niagara Falls was thrown open to the public yesterday noon. A four-horse carriage containing HOLLIS WHITE, Vice-President of the Bridge Company; SAMUEL KEEFE, Engineer; T. W. SMITH, Superintendent, and WILLIAM POOL, Editor of the Niagara Falls *Gazette*, passed over, followed by crowds of pedestrians. The bridge is the longest span on the continent.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—ABRAHAM A. ABRAMS, who was some months ago convicted of having stolen goods in his possession, and was sentenced to the penitentiary, but pardoned by the Governor, was to-day arrested and held in $5,000 bail on the charge of perjury and making fraudulent returns in a bankrupt case, whereby he concealed $10,000 worth of property with a view of defrauding his creditors.

ADOLPHUS FFAU, a clerk in the Post Office, was arrested to-day on the charge of abstracting letters from the office. He was held to bail in the sum of $15,000.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 3.—The joint railroad companies have accepted the terms laid down by the Commissioners for the purchase of Hamilton Square and have paid $500,000, the sum demanded by the State. The warrant for the execution of WOOLLEY, at Freehold, on the 7th inst., has been signed by the Governor.

AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A serious accident occurred as the skating rink in this city last evening, by the falling in of the roof of the building by the weight of the snow upon it. At the time there were about thirty persons on the ice. Four children were seriously injured, one of them, the son of Col. DODGE, fatally. He died last night. The others had limbs broken, but with the exception of a daughter of Mr. J. W. HAIGHT, are not considered in a dangerous condition.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—It has transpired that land thieves have forged titles to and held over 10,000 acres of land in De Kalb and Caldwell Counties in this State. One of the parties concerned is now in jail in St. Joseph. The Western Distributing Association of Kansas City, which sold tickets throughout the West, has burst. The Woman's Suffrage Society of this city held a meeting yesterday. Delegates were appointed to go to Jefferson City and advocate the cause of woman suffrage before the Legislature.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad is now finished to Atlantic, eighty-two miles west of Des Moines. The Valley Railroad bridge over the Des Moines River, at Des Moines, is also completed.

The Robbery of an Express Messenger in Norfolk—$10,000 Taken—A Mysterious Affair.

From the Norfolk Virginian, Jan. 1.

Yesterday morning our city was thrown into a state of considerable excitement by the announcement that Mr. EDWARD H. KING, agent of the Virginia Express Company in this city, while on his way to the depot of the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad at 4 o'clock in the morning, had been knocked down and robbed of a large sum of money—stated to be between $10,000 and $11,000. Mr. KING stated that he had the money in his account-book in his breast pocket, and while walking swiftly to the depot, and just in the act of passing the mouth of King's-lane, he was assaulted by two men, one of whom struck him a severe blow on the back of the head, knocking him senseless. While in this condition he was robbed of the money, and his assailants, whom he could not recognize, made their escape. As soon as he had recovered sufficiently, he gave the alarm, and was assisted by one of the Police to the National Hotel. By this time the robbers had disappeared, leaving no trace of their whereabouts. Mr. KING was afterward taken to his room, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. MURRAY, who described them as a contused wound on the back of the head, slightly breaking the skin, but not fracturing the skull, and symptoms of blows in the pit of the stomach, as from kicks. When taken to his room he was slightly delirious, but under medical treatment he soon revived, and was able to give the above particulars. The money was drawn from the Exchange National Bank the day previous, on a check drawn by H. V. TOWNSEND in favor of EDWARD H. KING, agent of the Virginia Express Company. He took it to his office, and yesterday morning he was on his way to the depot to transmit it to its destination when the robbery was committed.

So much for one side of this rather strange affair; now for the other. During the day suspicions became aroused that the matter was not as clear as it should be, and as the instance of parties near to the seat of their belief the perpetrators of the robbery were none other than KING and some of his friends, warrants were issued, and upon the strength of them THOS. POPPE, an employe in the same office of HENRY TOWNSEND, a youth, and an intimate acquaintance of POPPE, MAUDE DELAUNE, were arrested and lodged in jail to await further examination, as accessories to the robbery—their bail being fixed at $5,000 each, which, at a late hour, they had not succeeded in giving. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of KING as a principal in the robbery; and two policemen now keep watch over him to see that that he is forthcoming when wanted.

WASHINGTON.

Influences of an Irredeemable Paper Currency—Gen. Butler's New-Year's Calls—The Appointments by the President.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 3.

Among the curious and interesting facts developed in Commissioner WELLS' forthcoming report is the following table, showing how an irredeemable paper currency "invariably tends to destroy all profitable commercial relations with foreign countries in which trade and industry are conducted on a specie basis. The statement is furnished to the Commissioner by a manufacturer of furniture in one of the middle States, who, previous to the war, had built up an extensive export business to the West Indies, Central and South America, of a variety of 'cane-seated' and 'cane-backed' furniture suited to warm latitudes. Thus on the 1st of March, 1861, gold and currency being at par, $1,000 in gold possessed a purchasing power sufficient to obtain for the South American importer 111 1-9 dozen of what are termed in the trade, 'ordinary square-post cane-seat chairs.' About the 1st of January, 1862, gold began to command a premium, and advanced during the next three years with great rapidity. This movement was not, however, participated in at first, to any considerable extent, by either labor or commodities, and in consequence the purchasing power of gold greatly increased; so much so that on the 1st of July, 1864, the $1,000 gold which in 1861 bought 111 1-9 dozen chairs, then bought 143 dozen. Under these circumstances, as was to be expected, trade increased, as the foreign purchaser found the American market by far the best for his interest; but from July, 1864, a movement commenced in an exactly opposite direction, gold receding and labor and commodities advancing in very unequal ratios. Thus in January, 1865, the $1,000 gold, which four years previous had a purchasing power of 111 1-9 dozen chairs, and on the 1st of July, 1864, of 143 dozen, then commanded but 126⅔ dozen; in February, 1866, a still smaller number, viz.: 91⅓ dozen, and ultimately attained its minimum in January, 1867, when the purchasing power of the sum named was only 89⅔ dozen. From this point the purchasing power has gradually increased, and for the past year, 1868, has remained at the rate of about 102 dozen, or nine dozen less than could be bought with the same money in 1861. The result has been that the foreign purchaser now goes to France or Germany, while the products of American industry, in the form of furniture, being no longer available to exchange for sugars, spices or dyewoods, gold has necessarily been substituted; and, to use the words of the manufacturer describing his condition, 'unless there is a speedy return to specie payments, custom will soon so fix the channels and currents of trade that any attempt on my part to divert them will be attended with great difficulty;' and what has thus been shown, to be the case in respect to the export trade of the United States in furniture may be accepted as true of almost every other manufactured product, which, as a nation, we were accustomed, before the war, to exchange for foreign commodities."

The fluctuations in prices above referred to are exhibited in detail in the following table showing the purchasing power of gold as applied to chairs, (ordinary square-post, cane-seat,) from March 1, 1861, to July 1, 1868:

Gold.	Price W dozen.	Purchasing power of $1,000 Gold.
March 1, 1861.....Par.	$9 00	111 1–9
January 1, 1863.....135	9 50	141
February 21, 1863.....162¾	10 50	155½
August 1, 1863.....129¾	11 00	117½
September 17, 1863.....138½	12 00	116
January 1, 1864.....122	12 50	101 8–5
April 1, 1864.....107½	13 50	124
April 23, 1864.....173⅝	14 50	119¾
June 1, 1864.....188¾	15 00	125⅞
July 1, 1864.....226	15 50	143
August 1, 1864.....255	18 00	141¾
January 2, 1866.....226	18 00	125⅝
February 15, 1866.....197¼	18 00	91⅓
September 17, 1866.....145	15 00	96⅔
January 14, 1867.....134½	15 00	89¾
June 4, 1867.....137½	15 00	91⅔
September 16, 1867.....144¼	13 50	106⅔
April 1, 1868.....138½	13 50	102½
July 1, 1868.....138¾	13 50	102¾

GEN. BUTLER'S NEW-YEAR'S CALLS.

The fact that Gen. BUTLER called upon the President on New-Year's day is much commented on in social and political circles. Some institute comparisons between his course and that of Gen. GRANT, forgetting that the differences in the first case are only of a political, while in the latter case they are of a personal character. Quite a buzz of excitement was apparent when Gen. BUTLER entered the reception room and advanced toward the President. He extended his hand in the most cordial manner, and it was as cordially received by Mr. JOHNSON. A few moments' casual conversation was indulged in, after which Gen. BUTLER cordially bade the President good day and passed over to Mrs. PATTERSON and Mrs. GLOVER, with whom he also entered into brief conversation, and subsequently left the White House. Later in the day Gen. BUTLER, accompanied by Chief Justice CARTTER, of the District Supreme Court, visited the residences of the Cabinet Ministers and others. He was received with especial cordiality by Mr. SEWARD, with whom he conversed for some time. At Attorney-General EVARTS' residence, some one asked Gen. BUTLER about his interview with the President, when he talked of it very freely, and remarked that he had had no quarrel with Mr. JOHNSON socially and he could conceive no reason why political differences should interfere with social enjoyments.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has thus far sent to the Senate, at this session, something like one hundred civil appointments. There was but one executive session prior to the recess, and but two confirmations of an unimportant character. Latterly there has been an increased feeling among Senators, as well as outside, against making any more confirmations, especially for the more important offices. It is said, with good reason, that these appointments properly belong to the new Administration, and if deferred until then, the Senate will not have to consider the question of the possibility of getting good men, but whether the men appointed are the best that can be got. It is excessingly probable that there will be no action upon such important nominations as those of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Minister to Russia, &c., but that they will be allowed to hang until the 4th of March, when they will fall by the termination of the session.

CONGRESS.

But few members of the House have yet returned, but of the Senate a quorum is probably in the city. It is not likely that much business will be done this week. A number of the Senators, including RAMSEY, CHANDLER, HENDERSON and MORRILL of Maine, are absent looking after the matter of their reelection.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Appropriation bills will not be entirely ready under about a week. Hon. DANIEL A. WELLS has been in conference with the Committee for the last two days, on the particular point of a reduction of the expenditures. Only the Pension and the Diplomatic and Consular bills have been examined, and the Executive and Legislative are still under consideration.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE ACT.

Dispatches have been sent from this city to the effect that Senator SHERMAN intends, on the reassembling of Congress, to introduce a bill amending the Tenure-of-Office act. There is not a word of truth in the statement. Senator SHERMAN says he never even contemplated the introduction of any such measure.

THE CHARGE AGAINST J. F. BUSTEED.

The Judiciary Committee will continue to-morrow their investigations of the charges against J. F. BUSTEED.

JOHN H. SURRATT.

District-Attorney CARRINGTON has caused to be summoned about ten witnesses thus far, but none from a distance, to appear before the Grand Jury, with the view of obtaining another indictment against JOHN H. SURRATT. It is said about the Courthouse that the former trial and the preparations for a second one cost the Government about $150,000.

JOBBING IN CONGRESS.

Railroad and other Speculative Projects Pending in Congress.

Special Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 21, 1868.

The lobby—that great army of bloodsuckers—has occupied Washington in force. Two weeks' skirmishing with them has fully developed their line. This army has come to steal—to use plain terms. It has come to steal on the large scale. It fears that unless its measures can be perfected before this session ends, they will fall through GRANT'S opposition and veto, even if Congress is not honest enough to cast them aside. And so the movement on this Congress is one to force. And it will be well for the Press of the country to watch it.

Just now the danger to the Republican Party is, that the corruptions to which many of its prominent men lend themselves will ruin it. ANDREW JOHNSON'S Administration has been fearfully corrupt, but all of its steelings have not gone into the pockets of Democrats. RANDALL'S Post-Office Ring, the Indian Ring and the Whisky Ring have been held up to the country as purely Johnsonian institutions. The Republican press has been comparatively silent as to schemes in which members of its own party were participants, or at least the names of Republicans have not been used in connection with them. If political expediency is a matter to be considered, then it was well to consider these things. But now the time is gone for withholding truth. Every one of the rings mentioned above had Republican members—some of them Senators, some of them members of the House. The moment a word is written against any of these men they begin to plead what might be called the "injured innocence" dodge. But it is too late, gentlemen, entirely too late. The people gave most of you very significant hints in your reduced majorities last November. A general desire for raising a hue and cry against those who attempt to expose you, shouting "Conservative," "Copperhead," or what not, will not save you. The only way through is to stop short. Don't offer any more bills on either floor, which, if they had their real titles, would be: "A bill for the benefit of myself and John Smith, or, "A bill to obtain —— millions of Government money." Let your committees smother those of this character already before them; and nearly every committee has some under consideration. And in all of them Republicans and Democrats are engaged in about the proportion of their numbers in the two Houses. If anything, Republicans are more largely represented, because they have more power.

THE RAILROAD LOBBY.

At present, perhaps, there is more money in the various railroad schemes than in any other. And this thing is on a scale which the country does not comprehend, notwithstanding the constant talk about it. Thus far in the Fortieth Congress there has been no less than seventy-two railroad bills introduced in the Senate alone. Eight were presented at the first short session, fifty-two at the second session, and in the two weeks of the present session eleven have been introduced and printed. And these lash do not include four as gigantic as any which have been passed yet to come. One is in preparation, for which its friends are now gathering power, for the Northern Pacific; one for the Albuquerque line and its several connections; one for Mr. POMEROY'S, unless there is a speedy return to specie payments, custom will soon so fix the channels and currents of trade that any attempt on my part to divert them will be attended with great difficulty;' and what has thus been shown, to be the case in respect to the export trade of the United States in furniture may be accepted as true of almost every other manufactured product, which, as a nation, we were accustomed, before the war, to exchange for foreign commodities."

The fluctuations in prices above referred to are exhibited in detail in the following table showing the purchasing power of gold as applied to chairs, (ordinary square-post, cane-seat,) from March 1, 1861, to July 1, 1868:

Gold.	Price W dozen.	Purchasing power of $1,000 Gold.
March 1, 1861.....Par.	$9 00	111 1–9
January 1, 1863.....135	9 50	141
February 21, 1863.....162¾	10 50	155½
August 1, 1863.....129¾	11 00	117½
September 17, 1863.....138½	12 00	116
January 1, 1864.....122	12 50	101 8–5
April 1, 1864.....107½	13 50	124
April 23, 1864.....173⅝	14 50	119¾
June 1, 1864.....188¾	15 00	125⅞
July 1, 1864.....226	15 50	143
August 1, 1864.....255	18 00	141¾
January 2, 1866.....226	18 00	125⅝
February 15, 1866.....197¼	18 00	91⅓
September 17, 1866.....145	15 00	96⅔
January 14, 1867.....134½	15 00	89¾
June 4, 1867.....137½	15 00	91⅔
September 16, 1867.....144¼	13 50	106⅔
April 1, 1868.....138½	13 50	102½
July 1, 1868.....138¾	13 50	102¾

GEN. BUTLER'S NEW-YEAR'S CALLS.

The fact that Gen. BUTLER called upon the President on New-Year's day is much commented on in social and political circles. Some institute comparisons between his course and that of Gen. GRANT, forgetting that the differences in the first case are only of a political, while in the latter case they are of a personal character. Quite a buzz of excitement was apparent when Gen. BUTLER entered the reception room and advanced toward the President. He extended his hand in the most cordial manner, and it was as cordially received by Mr. JOHNSON. A few moments' casual conversation was indulged in, after which Gen. BUTLER cordially bade the President good day and passed over to Mrs. PATTERSON and Mrs. GLOVER, with whom he also entered into brief conversation, and subsequently left the White House. Later in the day Gen. BUTLER, accompanied by Chief Justice CARTTER, of the District Supreme Court, visited the residences of the Cabinet Ministers and others. He was received with especial cordiality by Mr. SEWARD, with whom he conversed for some time. At Attorney-General EVARTS' residence, some one asked Gen. BUTLER about his interview with the President, when he talked of it very freely, and remarked that he had had no quarrel with Mr. JOHNSON socially and he could conceive no reason why political differences should interfere with social enjoyments.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has thus far sent to the Senate, at this session, something like one hundred civil appointments. There was but one executive session prior to the recess, and but two confirmations of an unimportant character. Latterly there has been an increased feeling among Senators, as well as outside, against making any more confirmations, especially for the more important offices. It is said, with good reason, that these appointments properly belong to the new Administration, and if deferred until then, the Senate will not have to consider the question of the possibility of getting good men, but whether the men appointed are the best that can be got. It is excessingly probable that there will be no action upon such important nominations as those of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Minister to Russia, &c., but that they will be allowed to hang until the 4th of March, when they will fall by the termination of the session.

CONGRESS.

But few members of the House have yet returned, but of the Senate a quorum is probably in the city. It is not likely that much business will be done this week. A number of the Senators, including RAMSEY, CHANDLER, HENDERSON and MORRILL of Maine, are absent looking after the matter of their reelection.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Appropriation bills will not be entirely ready under about a week. Hon. DANIEL A. WELLS has been in conference with the Committee for the last two days, on the particular point of a reduction of the expenditures. Only the Pension and the Diplomatic and Consular bills have been examined, and the Executive and Legislative are still under consideration.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE ACT.

Dispatches have been sent from this city to the effect that Senator SHERMAN intends, on the reassembling of Congress, to introduce a bill amending the Tenure-of-Office act. There is not a word of truth in the statement. Senator SHERMAN says he never even contemplated the introduction of any such measure.

THE CHARGE AGAINST J. F. BUSTEED.

The Judiciary Committee will continue to-morrow their investigations of the charges against J. F. BUSTEED.

JOHN H. SURRATT.

District-Attorney CARRINGTON has caused to be summoned about ten witnesses thus far, but none from a distance, to appear before the Grand Jury, with the view of obtaining another indictment against JOHN H. SURRATT. It is said about the

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ware), GEORGE C. PICKERING, grocer; G. W. LADD & Co., grocers; C. H. DUNNING, seed store; S. H. DALE & Co., ship chandlers and grocers. At this point the fire was stayed by tearing down a storehouse and confining the fire to the brick stores, where the firemen were able to keep it under control.

In addition to the stores burned were the law offices of A. W. FAIRE, G. P. BROWN and H. L. MITCHELL, Esqs., and the office of Dr. J. C. WESTON. While the firemen were at work attempting to subdue the flames fire was discovered in the store of the dry goods store of A. & W. KEMPKAMPER, on Mairstreet, supposed to have caught from cinders, with which the air was filled. A stream being brought to bear immediately upon it the fire was confined to the attic. The circular block on the opposite side of West Market-square took fire in the rear, but it was extinguished with trifling damage. It being at the time of year when Winter stocks are in the store, the stocks of goods on hand were quite heavy and the losses are consequently large. The following are the amounts of losses as far as we could learn them last night:

E. F. BALDWIN, stock mostly saved, though some small damage; insured for $4,000; the store was owned by the TAYLOR heirs, who also owned the store occupied by CONNER & FULLER; we did not learn the amount of insurance. EMERY, WING & Co., loss $15,000 to $20,000; insured $6,000; store owned by Mrs. SOPHIA BROWN; insurance unknown. CONNER & FULLER, loss $15,000; insured $12,000. CHARLES HATWARD & Co., loss on stock $65,000; insured $42,000; store insured for $5,000. T. F. FARRINGTON, loss $10,000 to $15,000; insurance unknown; store owned by H. A. BUTLER; insurance unknown. FOGG & BRIDGES, loss $30,000 to $50,000; insured $16,000; store owned by the heirs of ROBERT TREAT; insurance unknown. GEORGE C. PICKERING, loss $7,000; insured $4,000; store owned by G. W. PICKERING, upon which there was but $1,000 insurance. GEORGE W. LADD had a stock of about $40,000, partially saved in a damaged condition; insured for $20,000; store owned by J. B. FOSTER; insured for $4,000.

C. H. DUNNING, loss $10,000 to $15,000; insured $4,000. Store owned by the BELLINGS heirs; insurance unknown. S. H. DALE & Co. had a very heavy stock of goods, a large portion of which were saved in a badly damaged condition. Amounts of insurance unascertained, as well as that upon the store, which was owned by S. H. DALE. The damage to the stock and store of WHEELWRIGHT & CLARK, mostly by water, is about $1,000; insured. Their elegant block was saved only by the most strenuous exertions. The amount of loss of Messrs. FARRAR will not be large, the damage being caused by water and hasty removal. Several other stocks were more or less damaged by being removed from places of supposed danger, and by being got in readiness to be removed in case of need. To sum it all up, no such disastrous fire, located as it was in the very heart of the business portion of our city, and devouring in its course several of our leading business houses, has ever visited us, and may it be long before we are visited by another such.

During the height of the fire it seemed impossible to tell when the devouring elements would be stayed, and every one in that portion of the city felt that it might be his turn next. The fire burned for five hours, or until midnight, before its progress was stayed. Our citizens turned out en masse, and worked with commendable energy in assisting the firemen and in saving property. Our Fire Department were ably assisted by the companies from Dover and Orono. One great drawback to the firemen was the want of water, the side being out, and the drain upon the reservoirs being so great as to exhaust some of them.

LAWLESS NEGROES.

Particulars of the Outrages on the Ogeechee River Plantations—Affidavits of Two of the Sufferers from the Violence of the Negroes.

From the Savannah (Ga.) Republican, Dec. 31.

We printed yesterday morning an account of Sheriff DO

The New-York Times, Wednesday, January 4, 1869.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Who Asks for Sporic Payment is—Impracticability of the Scheme—Disadvantages in the Way—Suspension of the Bank of England—Speculation and Law—Constitutionality of the Legal-Tender Act.

THE BROOKE, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1868.

The letter of Mr. R. G. Dun & Co. published in the TIMES) is one of the most extraordinary documents I have seen; but, perhaps, it is the court should now declare it unconstitutional.

There cannot be a much more absurd idea than that an act which is constitutional at one period of time may become unconstitutional at another. A law cannot be changed by lapse of time! A law is not constitutional to-day and unconstitutional to-morrow! Such doctrine is not constitutional by lapse of years. An observer of men and times, I have never seen anything more confused and impracticable than the current views and ideas on specie payments. When it is passed, or it is not constitutional. If it is a valid law, the lapse of time has nothing to do with it. What is constitutional when it was passed? Mr. Bravurne admits that it was; but that does not constitutional when it was passed. It was not constitutional when it was passed. It was not constitutional when it was passed. It was

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

It is now confidently asserted that both Turkey and Greece will participate in the Peace Conference, which will be held in Paris on the 9th inst. It is stated that the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, FUAD PACHA, will represent his Government, and that ALEXANDER RIZA RANGABE, an eminent Grecian poet, will represent Greece. Should the Conference fail to agree upon a basis of settlement, and bring about peace, it is said that Russia will demand strict non-intervention on the part of the European Powers. It is reported that the Turkish Admiral has formally demanded the surrender of the Greek steamer *Eroïs*, and war is considered inevitable.

The recent disturbances at Malaga, in Spain, were more serious than heretofore reported. Gen. KADA had a sharp fight with the rebels in the streets of the city, and the war vessels in the harbor took part in the engagement. It is stated that the official reports place the loss of the insurgents at four hundred.

The Emperor of France has instructed the Spanish Envoy to convey to his Government the warmest wishes both of himself personally and of France for its happiness and prosperity.

The workingmen of Lambeth presented Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON with an address on Saturday evening, in return for which that gentleman favored them with a few remarks.

GENERAL.

The latest reports from the Indian territory announce the arrival of Gen. SHERIDAN at Fort Cobb with 1,500 men, including Gen. CUSTER'S Seventh Cavalry. The Cheyennes, Arapahoes and one band of the Comanches, with fifty lodges of Kiowas, are at the Washita Mountains, and one lodge of the latter tribe are on the way to Fort Cobb, by command of Gen. SHERIDAN, who holds Santana and Live Wolf as hostages. He proposes, when the Kiowas come in, to punish those who are known to have been concerned in personal acts of murder, and to order the Cheyennes and Arapahoes to come in and submit to like treatment. If they refuse, he promises to carry on war at once against them in their mountain retreat. The General states that the Cheyennes have been very humble since their punishment by Gen. CUSTER, and he has no doubt that they, together with the Arapahoes, will soon appear, surrender and abide by his terms, after which he has no fear of a renewal of hostilities.

The State Legislature opens at the Capitol at Albany to-morrow. The Republican caucuses for the nomination of candidates for the various offices will be held this evening. In the Senate there will be a change in the presiding officer; the new Lieutenant-Governor, BEACH, Democrat, will take the place of STEWART L. WOODFORD, Republican. As soon as the organization of the Assembly is perfected, the Governor will be notified of the fact, and will thereupon transmit his annual message to both Houses.

At a conference of leading politicians of Virginia, just held in Richmond, resolutions were adopted declaring that "while the people of Virginia do not believe that the negroes, in their uneducated condition, are as yet fit for suffrage, yet, in view of the expression of public opinion in the recent national election, and in the hope of restoring harmony and union, they are willing to accept universal suffrage, coupled with universal amnesty." A committee of nine was appointed to urge Congress to legislate so as to secure these to the people of the State, and arrangements were made for a mass convention in Richmond on the 10th of February.

A well-known Boston broker, named JOSEPH W. DAVIS, was reported missing on Saturday, and the statement was made that his bank account was overdrawn $10,000. He has since been heard from, and in the Boston Sunday papers he published a card concluding as follows: "On Monday morning my creditors will find me at my office, prepared to show how every cent that I had has been disposed of, and where and by whom my money has been lost." It is said that his creditors are mostly worthy parties of moderate means.

Two girls were arrested in Belfast Me., last week, charged with poisoning the family of Gen. WEBSTER. One, named ELIZA PENDLETON, had lived some time with the family, and the other, named MARIA CASE, was temporarily stopping with her. On Saturday evening of the previous week, the General, his wife and daughter ate some cake for tea, and noticed that it had a peculiar taste. Soon afterward all three were taken suddenly dangerously ill, and only recovered through careful medical attention. On recovering, the General, having his suspicions aroused, took the plate of cake into the kitchen, and invited the girls to partake liberally, which they did with some reluctance. For an hour or two afterward they had a severe sour stomach, and in their troubles confessed that they had put cotton oil in the cake. They said, however, it was done in a joke. The Pandiculth girl has since been discharged.

The municipal election in Knoxville, Tenn., was held on Saturday, and created much excitement. The colored candidate for Mayor was defeated by a large majority, but two negroes were elected to the Board of Aldermen.

Ten brick stores, nearly all containing heavy stocks of goods, were burned on Friday evening, in Bangor, Me., causing a loss of over $250,000. The principal occupants were: E. P. BALDWIN, EKERY, WING & CO., CHARLES HAYWARD & CO., CONNER & FULLER, T. T. FARRINGTON, FOGG & BRIDGES, GEORGE C. PICKERING, GEORGE W. LADD, C. H. DUNNING, and S. H. DALM & CO.

The Indiana Legislature meets at Indianapolis on Thursday next. A United States Senator is to be elected in place of Hon. THOMAS A. HENDRICKS. The Legislature is Republican.

The trial of Gen. MANN, charged with robbing the United States mails while acting as an agent of the Government, is progressing at New-Orleans, and attracting considerable attention. The United States District-Attorney is assisted in the prosecution by Mr. HENRY C. MILLER, formerly Confederate States District-Attorney, and it is said that Col. FIELD, for the defence, who objected to every juryman who had ever had any connection with the Confederacy, expects to make a strong point before the jury upon Mr. MILLER'S antecedents.

A district school teacher at South Acton, Mass., named LUTHER W. PIPER, was knocked down and considerably injured, on Friday, by LEVI DOW, proprietor of the village hotel, whose boys he had whipped at school. Mr. DOW was arrested.

Vice-President WADE has received the official Presidential votes of all the States by mail, although only half of the messengers appointed to bring the votes to Washington have arrived. Next Wednesday is the last day on which these votes can be received. It is generally known that the law provides that those messengers who fail to deliver the vote in Washington by the first Wednesday in January are subject to a fine of $1,000. In case all the messengers do not arrive with the votes, those received by mail will be counted on the third Wednesday of February by Mr. WADE.

The Mayor of Newburyport, Mass., has offered, in behalf of the citizens, several rewards, amounting in the aggregate to $10,500, for the detection and arrest within four months of incendiaries operating within the limits of the city or the town of Newbury, or of the person or persons who set fire to the several churches, buildings and barns recently burned.

Judge WATTS, of the Fourth Judicial District of North Carolina, has granted an injunction to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, forbidding the Treasurer of the State to issue any bonds in aid of the Chatham Railroad Company, under the act of the Legislature recently passed appropriating $2,000,000 for the completion of that road. The injunction is granted on the alleged ground that the act is unconstitutional, and virtually stays all further proceedings until that question is decided by the courts.

Our Chicago correspondent, in the letter which we publish elsewhere, gives a quantity of interesting statistics showing the growth of the city, and the work of the year just closed. Among other things, it is stated that the total number of buildings of all kinds erected during 1868 was about 8,045, and their total value $25,000,000; of these 1,000 were stores, 35 churches and 5,000 residences; and are unfinished 2,000 houses. Thirty miles of water-pipe have been laid, and twenty-one miles of Nicolson pavement.

The loss by the burning of the machine shop, at New-Haven, of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company, on Friday night, is estimated at about $100,000. The "round house," containing many valuable locomotives of the Company, was in imminent danger for a time. During the fire one man was killed by falling timbers, and another was dangerously injured.

An extra session of the Kentucky Legislature will begin to-morrow. It will continue about two months.

The residence of Hon. THOMAS S. BOCOCK, in Appomattox County, Va., seven miles from the Court-house, was burned on the night of Dec. 25. The house was entirely destroyed with the greatest part of the furniture. Mr. BOCOCK'S loss is estimated at upward of $4,000, upon which there was no insurance. The origin of the fire was accidental.

The Reconstruction Committee have announced their determination to authorise all parties in Mississippi to furnish testimony in regard to the election rejecting the proposed Constitution. The people are called upon by the Press to prepare papers and send them at once to Washington, verifying the report of Gen. GILLEM that the election was fairly conducted, and that improper influences were not used.

The last mushroom city created by the Pacific Railroad is called Ogden, and is situated about forty miles north of Salt Lake City. Our Utah letter gives a description of it and states its prospects. Many prophecy that this new city will before long be the largest in the Territory, and its commercial centre. The Union and the Central Pacific Roads meet there, and it is expected that soon both will build large depots in the place.

A family of four, named COLLIER, residing in Third-street, Albany, had a very narrow escape from suffocation on New-Year's Eve, while sitting in a room heated by a charcoal fire in a portable furnace. All were found lying helpless on the floor by a neighbor, who fortunately happened in. They were immediately removed and medical aid procured for them. It is thought that all will recover.

A meeting of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of Brooklyn was held at Rev. Dr. EDDY'S Church last evening. Addresses were made by Rev. Drs. EDDY, STORRS, SCHENCK and BUDDINGTON.

Cotton sold freely on Saturday at a further advance in prices. Breadstuffs and Provisions were generally in moderate request, and without important changes in values. Groceries were quiet. Freights rather less firm, on limited engagements.

Gen. Grant and his Relations to the Civil Service.

The holidays are over and the Government machine at Washington resumes its work. Congress reassembles to-morrow; the clerks of the various Departments will again be at their desks; and, what is more important than all, Gen. GRANT will return to the Capital. For, although he holds no official position but that of an officer in the army, and has nothing whatever to do with any branch of the civil administration, no one can fail to see that he is regarded by the country as the central figure of the whole nation,—as the pivot on which the Government will turn for a long time to come.

There is in the country a widespread feeling of apprehension and alarm. Each section has, of course, its own special reasons for misgiving and fear. But above and beyond these local and special apprehensions, there is a general impression that our public affairs are, on the whole, in a bad way,—and that none but very vigorous and resolute measures will put them right. We have an enormous debt, and the steps taken to lighten the burdens which it imposes are feeble and inadequate. The collection of the vast revenues of the nation is fitful, partial and tainted with corruption. Public service has come to be almost synonymous with public fraud. The idea of seeking or filling office, for the honor it confers or the reputation to be won by an able and upright performance of its duties, has almost died out of the public mind. Office is sought now as a means of wealth,—for the opportunities it affords for public plunder; and the number of men seeking it with such views, and by such means as are required, is increasing year by year with frightful rapidity. The curse which crumbles Spain in her efforts at progress, and which is at once the attendant and precursor of a corrupt and decaying State, threatens our young and vigorous nation. In spite of our energy and of the boundless field for private effort open to all, we are becoming a nation of politicians. An enormous army of office-seekers,—increasing in numbers and in audacity,—is growing up among us dependent on getting and keeping the offices through which the administration of the Government is carried on.

And everywhere we find a new development of the "Ring" power,—the power by which the *few*, acting in close combination, enlisting support by the use of money, of position, of patronage, and every form of public and private influence, virtually control the action of the various departments of the Government and compel obedience to their behests. In every branch of effort, depending on the action of the Government and receiving from it, directly or indirectly, large sums of money, these "rings" are found to be the real authority. In the Indian Department, in railroad grants, steamship subsidies, the collection of the Whisky or the Tobacco tax,—in the tariff regulations,—in short, in every form and phase of public action these small, compact, systematic organizations are found at the sources alike of the legislative and executive power, shaping and controlling their action, and constituting the real, effective government of the country.

The disastrous effects of such a state of things is felt everywhere,—not only in its immediate losses to the public treasury, but in lowering the tone of public morals and in degrading and demoralizing the public service. It tends to make office-holding the least respectable of all positions, whereas it ought to be the most honorable.

Whether with or without reason, *the country looks to Gen. Grant to remedy this state of things.* His integrity of purpose,—his single-minded regard for the public honor and welfare, and his complete and *unique* disinterestedness inspire a general confidence in his desire to correct the evil, while the unexampled hold he has on the public confidence, and the readiness of all classes and all parties to applaud and uphold him in every effort he may make for the accomplishment of that end, give him advantages for undertaking it which no other President for many years has enjoyed.

The whole country expects to see Gen. GRANT enter, at his accession, upon *a bold, resolute and determined crusade against the corruptions and abuses of the Government*; and the bolder and more resolute he makes it, the more completely will he be sustained.

But he ought not to be hampered or fettered at the outset in the measures he may deem essential to the work. The Tenure-of-Office bill,—ought as it is in some of its principles,—ought not to stand in his way. It unquestionably deprives him of the power he needs for the reforms which the country requires. Every department of the public service is filled by men incompetent for their duties, or dishonest in their performance. But he cannot get rid of one of them, without the previous assent and concurrence of the Senate. There is no reason whatever why this state of things should continue, nor is there any good reason why the Senate should desire to retain this power in its hands. Under the Constitution, the Senate has a large and important share in the Executive power of appointment. Now that we have a President in political accord with the Senate, that body ought to be content with the power it enjoys under the fundamental law of the land.

The Tenure-of-Office bill ought to be repealed. Gen. GRANT should be left entirely free to undertake and execute such reforms in the civil service as its necessities require. If Congress sees the wisdom of making good behavior the sole tenure of office, let it adopt JENCKES' Civil Service bill. But until some general provisions of this sort are adopted, Gen. GRANT should have the full power over appointments and removals which the Constitution gives him.

Anxious for Peace.

It is curious to observe the enthusiasm with which the people of England have everywhere received the announcements of REVERDY JOHNSON that *war* would be avoided between England and America. He has reiterated this in every one of the score of speeches he has made within the last few months, and on every occasion it has been hailed with a joy that indicates the consciousness that they have escaped from a terrible and threatening danger. They allude to Mr. JOHNSON as the man who has wrought out for them this great salvation—as the statesman who, by his pacific diplomacy, friendly spirit and sagacious counsels, has delivered them from a conflict of arms that would have been at once desperate and disastrous.

Now, we give all credit to Mr. JOHNSON for whatever he may have done or said that is calculated to improve the international relations of the two Governments. If he has found terms of settlement for the *Alabama* business,—if he has been able to negotiate a treaty that will establish the rights of American citizens in England,—if he has done anything toward an agreement on the San Juan question,—we shall be more than happy to concede the inestimable value of his services. And we may say, moreover, that in accomplishing one or other of these things, he has done so much toward the maintenance of the peace in the future. Nothing, except war itself, can be worse for nations than to keep up for years grounds of dispute. And no one can do a higher service to the cause of peace than to remove such grounds, when they actually exist.

But still we must think from the recent demonstrations of the English people, that they have greatly exaggerated the probabilities and the dangers of war with this country. They must have been led to believe that there was a determination to enforce our claims against them without regard to time or circumstance; and that there was a wild and revengeful demand for war as the only means of their enforcement. There seems to have been a consciousness, too, that they were in the wrong as regards the main question in dispute. The case was certainly and clearly against them, and they felt it. They saw that in permitting an English vessel to hoist a rebel flag and proceed to the destruction of our commerce, they had given countenance to a principle as criminal in itself as it might become fatal to themselves; and this knowledge of their own guilt led them to the apprehension of its consequences, which they have lately expressed so frequently. So far, it is well that their minds have become awakened; and it is to be hoped that some practical result will come from the awakening.

It is not worth while for them to think, however, that there was any outcry in this country *for* war against them on account of the *Alabama* business; nor is it necessary for them to believe that Mr. JOHNSON'S speeches have saved them from the impending danger. It is five years since the depredations of the *Alabama* were ended; for six years they have been the subject of controversy and negotiation. During all that time, we have expected that the English Government would offer to make an adjustment,—so far as adjustment could be made of an unpardonable wrong, whose consequences are irretrievable. We have expected that it would acknowledge the wrongfulness of the principle upon which it acted, and that it would attempt to compensate the enormous losses we had suffered through its agency. We knew that its interests lay in this direction, and that it could not possibly fail to see the fact. We knew that all our Government required of it could very easily be granted; and we knew that in time it would be even more anxious than ourselves for a settlement on the terms we had proposed.

It is for these reasons that there never was any such demand for a settlement through war as the English are now congratulating themselves on having escaped. But still, if the popular enthusiasm in England on account of the assurance of peace, through the agency of REVERDY JOHNSON, shall have the effect of inducing the English Government to come to terms and effect a settlement as soon as possible, it will not be wasted.

City Passenger Traffic and Underground Railroads.

Mr. J. K. FISHER, whose letter on the subject of Underground Railways we published yesterday, calls in question the success of the "Metropolitan Railway" in London, from a financial point of view, and doubts the adaptability, under any circumstances, of the underground system to requirements of this City. Mr. FISHER has a plan of his own, by which he proposes to convey passengers in single steam cars over a surface floor, or plane-road, at the rate of forty miles an hour, the system to be adopted being that of "undergrade streets"—open cuttings along the rear of the houses in some of our principal streets being meant apparently, and the space between Broadway and Mercer-street being suggested as suitable for its application. This plan, according to Mr. FISHER, was proposed many years ago by a distinguished engineer, and "may or may not be modified," according to our correspondent's own views.

Mr. FISHER is naturally warm in his advocacy of the plan in question, and without pretending fully to comprehend its details, we hope it will obtain a fair consideration, and what attention it deserves. If it could be demonstrated to be feasible, and if any evidence could be adduced that the proposed system of traction would be found adequate to the necessities of the case, we might expect to hear more of it; though we fear that, even supposing all other difficulties to be surmounted, no system based upon the conveyance of passengers in single cars could ever prove satisfactory.

But in clearing the way for the undergrade, plane-road system, Mr. FISHER makes certain statements with regard to the underground system now adopted in London, which seem to stand as much in need of verification as the feasibility of his own plan does of proof. We are in no way prejudiced against any scheme that gives any reasonable prospect of cheaply, expeditiously and effectually furnishing a remedy for the crying want of our City, and we are by no means certain that the underground system, as adopted in London, would be available in New-York. But it has this merit—it has been tried, and not found wanting. Over one hundred million passengers have been conveyed by the London Underground railroad, at an average speed of sixteen miles an hour—not twelve and a half, as stated by Mr. FISHER—without loss of a single life, and at fares, taking the average of first, second and third class, cheaper than those of any kind of horse conveyance. Mr. FISHER asserts that the line is not a financial success, and that dividends have been declared out of capital. We find, however, that despite the almost universal depreciation of all railway property in England, and the general distrust with which all such investments are looked upon, the stock is still considerably above par. This is a strong proof that the stories with regard to its financial insecurity are not credited in England.

This side of the question, however, concerns us in reality but little, as even assuming that the line did not pay, it is not proved all lines built on the same principle must be unremunerative. But Mr. FISHER goes on to assert that the London Underground was built for an extension of country lines into the city, and not for city passenger traffic, whereas, the fact is, that of the vast number of trains run upon it every day, not half-a-dozen run beyond the immediate suburbs of London, and comparatively few outside of the four or five miles which constitute the "Metropolitan" proper. There can be no doubt, we believe, of the success of the London Underground, both financially and as a popular means of transit; and whatever the merits of other systems which may be proposed here, it would be a great blunder to overlook all that can be urged on behalf of the one method of obtaining speedy passenger traffic in the heart of great cities that has actually been in operation.

What is wanted, however, is *some* means of communication between the business and residential portions of our City, and this result can only be attained by a careful comparison of the advantages and disadvantages of each separate scheme from a scientific and professional point of view, and the exercise of the collective judgment of the public as to the best route to be taken. The very first step to be taken is an accurate survey of the island, with a view to forming an estimate of the practicability of construction and probable cost of all the schemes which have yet been definitely presented for public approval. If Mr. FISHER can demonstrate the feasibility of driving us along, forty miles an hour, through the back yards of Broadway houses, we shall be delighted. But the underground system, whatever the doubts may be as to its adaptability of the physical characteristics of this island, has strong *prima facie* claims upon our consideration, and cannot be dismissed with the case Mr. FISHER dismisses it, or upon the grounds which he urges.

The Proposed Removal of the New-York Hospital.

In another column of this day's TIMES we publish *in extenso* a protest recently sent by the surgeons and physicians to the Board of Governors of the New-York Hospital, begging and protesting against the removal of the Hospital to Bloomingdale, which is anticipated since the recent decision of the Board to lease the present site for business purposes, leaving not a vestige of that grand old charity, already historic in the annals of medicine and surgery, to mark the spot where through the efforts of a few surgeons in 1770, was first founded in New-York a hospital—the *Hotel Dieu* of the country.

The protest is dignified, and the objections are well grounded. It sets forth clearly and strongly the folly, indeed, the disgrace of the proposed destruction of a useful and noble charity. So far as it can be of any service to the injured and maimed in New-York, if located at Bloomingdale, they might as well buy a piece of cheap property in the suburbs of Boston or on the borders of the Adirondack woods.

The hospital was chartered and established by moneys subscribed with the promise that it was to afford succor to any sick or injured who might need assistance in the City of New-York. The surgical records show how inestimably valuable it has been to thousands injured in the lower part of the City. Hospitals are the refuge of the poor sick and maimed, and they should undoubtedly be situated where they can be most useful. As it is the New-York Hospital is a valuable and much needed charity; remove it to Bloomingdale and its special usefulness has gone forever.

The fame of the hospital as the great school of American surgery, and the scene of the surgical triumphs of such men as VALENTINE MOTT, ALEXANDER STEVENS, JOHN KEARNEY, ROGERS, GURDON BUCK and others, would be lost, while such men as SANDS, ALLEN, GEORGE A. PETERS, W. H. DRAPER, MCLANE and others, now connected with the hospital, would seek "fresh fields and pastures new" for the exercise of their talents and usefulness.

On visiting St. George's, St. Thomas' or St. Bartholemew's, in London, they point with pride to the names of the great masters of their art whose fame was won within their classic walls. The French student, too, will mark the spot where Baron LARREY, DUPUYTREN and DESAULT were wont to pour forth the genius which gave France a great place in the world of scientific surgery. Every link in the chain of our own progress should be so well preserved as to enable us to compete with the brightest stars of older countries.

The Board of Governors have done much by their zeal and generous contributions to maintain the Hospital; indeed the sums of money given at times by Mr. TRIMBLE, Mr. LENNOX, and others, have been only excelled in their amount by the contributions of Mr. PEABODY to the poor of London; but to finely cultivated tastes, generous impulses and exceeding respectability are not always allied business capacity or executive success. We think the Governors will do well, and the interests of the Hospital be best served, to give the remonstrance recently sent to them their serious attention.

MINOR TOPICS.

On New-Year's night, within one block of Broadway, and within two of the Eighth Precinct Station-house, an affray took place in which ten shots were fired and three men wounded. Open resistance to the Police was made by the whole gang of rowdies; five only of the party were arrested, among them, however, a man who is said to have discharged all the barrels of his revolver, and then to have borrowed a second from another of the party. On the following day the five prisoners were brought up for examination, and although two of them were badly wounded, they, one and all, declined to bring any charges against each other, or against any of their companions who had escaped. So they were all five discharged, and it is now, apparently, laid down as a judicial maxim, that a party of ruffians, as long as they are on friendly terms with each other, may, with perfect impunity, fire indiscriminate pistol-shots in public eating-houses and on the side-walks in public thoroughfares. But have peaceable passers by in the streets *no* right to be considered in this matter? And is no such misdemeanors as a breach of the peace known to our authorities?

There is probably no machine in the world which runs more smoothly or with less friction than the Tammany Hall machine for governing this City. It was perfectly well understood when OAKEY HALL was nominated for Mayor that, upon his election, Judge GARVIN was to take the place of District-Attorney, and that Judge LEONARD was to fill the place thus vacated on the bench. Gov. HOFFMAN, in his very first official act, has kept the bond to the letter. Both these gentlemen have been appointed to the posts assigned them; and both, we believe, are very well fitted for their duties. If the "Ring" will always do as well in its selection of office-holders as it has done in these cases, it may make itself in time reasonably popular.

A married woman, who was arrested and brought before Justice KELLY on Saturday upon a charge of adultery, adopted a rather novel form of placating her liege lord. Having confessed her offence, she formally bound herself over in an affidavit "to be true and faithful to her husband; that from and after this day she will not have any improper intimacy with any person or persons *other* than ——— her husband; that she will remain at her residence, attending to her domestic and other duties, and in all things comport herself as a true, virtuous and loving wife." Having sworn to and signed this, she was permitted to go back to her husband, who was willing to accept her on oath.

If it were permitted to the National Executive, as it is to the State Executive, to give public advice to his successor when he assumes office, we might look forward to President JOHNSON giving Gen. GRANT some memorable counsel on the 4th of March. He might not welcome his successor with all the warmth that GOV. FENTON welcomed GOV. HOFFMAN at Albany on New-Year's Day. The outgoing and incoming functionaries might indulge in less eloquent laudations of each other than were indulged in on that occasion, and the "symbols of authority" might be passed from one to the other with less enthusiasm. But, we venture to say that Mr. JOHNSON would give GRANT some instructions about the Constitution and his policy that would be far more forcible than the smooth compliments between FENTON and HOFFMAN. What a pity he will not have the chance!

It is said that very few office-seekers are to be found in Washington. Scarcely any one is willing to have it understood that he wants or expects an appointment. Very few of those wonderful documents, known as applications for office, seem to be in circulation for signatures in any part of the country. Is it possible we are about to be delivered from this greatest of all the minor political plagues which have hitherto afflicted the land? Or is this only a *lull* in the general course of things,—a check in the current of affairs, soon to give place to the old system, and caused only by the sanitary terror inspired by Gen. GRANT'S timely hint that he should pay no attention to any applications of the sort, until he becomes the actual President? Whatever it may portend, the country ought to be grateful for even a brief deliverance.

Will not somebody in Congress take steps to expedite a bill making the necessary appropriation for a Post Office in New-York City? The Government has already bought and paid for the land to build it on; this site cannot be resold or appropriated to any other use;—the wants of a new building, for the accommodation of the postal business are pressing and imperative, and there is every reason why the building should be erected as speedily as possible. Plans of the building have been prepared and a very excellent and trustworthy commission is in existence which can be safely intrusted with the execution of the work. We hope, in common with all our citizens, that it may not be subjected to any unnecessary delay.

What connection the alleged action of the Police force, as partisans, has or can have with the murder of Mr. ROGERS, it is not easy to see; yet the *World* charges the murder to the fact that the Police has become simply a body of "partisan prætorians." We have never heard that Mr. ROGERS was murdered on account of his politics, or that the Police failed to prevent the murder for any such reason. It certainly is a startling fact that such a murder can be so openly committed, in broad daylight and in an open street, and yet nobody know anything about the perpetrators, who elude arrest and seem likely to go scot free. If the Police fail to detect them, with the clue in their hands, the Department will indeed incur the distrust of the community at large. It is sufficiently alarming that such a murder could occur;—but if it could not be prevented it ought, at least, to be punished.

The Freedmen's Bureau is now blotted out—excepting the Department of Education, which still continues in existence. A year ago Congress provided for its termination with the year 1868, and though an effort was made a few weeks since to secure its continuance, no action was taken on the subject before the holidays, and so it has expired by limitation. No attempt will be made to revive it when Congress again meets, and consequently its history can now be written.

Not only did Gen. BUTLER, who was the ferocious and acrid manager of impeachment, a few months ago, pay his profound respects to President JOHNSON, on New-Year's Day, but Senator MORTON, who voted for impeachment, and several other of the prominent impeaching members, did the same thing. We thus see one of the most excellent uses of the American custom of making New-Year's calls.

A semi-official Paris journal mentions the possibility of the Emperor abdicating in favor of his son after the next session of the *Corps Legislatif*, retaining only the title of Regent during his life. Of course it is safe to say that this is not an *impossible* event, and even that it is a *possible* event. But it is not worth while speculating on what will happen *after* an event as little likely to happen as this.

Bellevue Hospital is one of the most valuable charities in the City. During the past year over 7,000 patients were treated for various ailments,—5,800 of whom were admitted to the wards of the hospital. We suppose the large increase in the number of patients treated in the out-door poor department shows the extension of the usefulness of the institution as well as the growth of poverty. Of this class of patients 10,112 were treated year before last, while 25,557 were treated last year. The usefulness of the Morgue is shown by the fact that 149 bodies were brought there during the year, of whom 78 were recognised by their friends. This year photographs will be taken of all bodies brought to the Morgue, and then, even after burial, they may be recognized by their friends and taken possession of.

The Atlanta (Ga.) *New Era* is one of the few Southern newspapers that support the reconstruction policy of Congress. But it resists meddling with that policy on account of the foolish and mischievous action of the Georgia Legislature, and thinks the party will find itself in a very awkward predicament if it attempts to reconstruct reconstruction to meet and correct every misfortune that may occur in its practical working. It gives the following dispatch, sent by President LINCOLN to Gen. HOOKER during the war, as embodying a timely suggestion:

"In case you find LEE coming to the north of the Rappahannock, I would by no means cross to the south of it. I would not take any risk of being entangled upon the river, like an ox jumped half over a fence, and liable to be torn by dogs, front and rear, *without a fair chance to gore one way or kick the other.*"

The New-England Commissioners, at the late Fisheries Convention in this City, complained of the unfriendly opposition of the officers of the fisheries of the Dominion. On this subject a well-informed correspondent in this City writes us: "The real cause of any opposition was that men from the United States speared salmon to get their *ova*. Dr. FLETCHER did so, and so did others. But," says our correspondent, "the authorities offered to place at my disposal a river, to have and to hold expressly for the benefit of the salmon rivers of the United States. There is no opposition in Canada against the stocking our rivers with salmon and trout. On the contrary, the authorities are ready and willing to help us."

Mr. JOSEPH MEDILL, of Chicago, has written a letter to Gen. RAWLINGS, setting forth how very much we need and want Canada, and insisting, in the next place, that if Great Britain refuses to cede it to us on demand, on account of her having sided the Southern rebellion, we must *take* it. And he then proceeds to show how easily we could do this. He says the people of Canada are of the same race and religion as ourselves. As to race, setting aside our negro element, this may be true; but if Mr. MEDILL'S proposition is to be accepted as a fair specimen of our *religion*, we fear the Canadians would demur to being considered as of the same. Mr. MEDILL may fancy himself a very bold and dashing statesman; but we doubt whether he will convert either Gen. RAWLINGS or the people at large to his peculiar views.

A bill was introduced to Congress before the holidays to retire, with a pension, the Judges of the Supreme Court, after they reach the age of 70. The bill is strongly supported, and has a good chance of passage. We do not suppose the pension will be fixed at more than $5,000 a year; but even the most economical member of Congress will hardly desire to put it at less than that sum. In England, all retired Lord Chancellors, under Lord BROUGHAM'S Act, have a pension of $25,000 a year, and during active service their annual salary is $50,000. Lord BROUGHAM himself, the author of the Pension law, received, in the shape of pension, the sum of $323,000, having been pensioned thirty-three years before his death. Lord LYNDHURST, as Ex-Chancellor, received $500,000 in the shape of pension; and Lord COTTENHAM, Lord ST. LEONARDS, Lord CRANWORTH, Lord CHELMSFORD and Lord WESTBURY each received large sums from the time of the passage of the Pension act, in 1834, until the present time.

People accustomed to the use of *gasoline* in their houses ought to be warned against its dangers. The last issue of the *Insurance Monitor* is very emphatic on this subject, pointing out its hazards to Underwriters as well as to those immediately in contact with it. The *Monitor* had previously said it was as dangerous to bring a barrel of gasoline on one's premises, as to bring a barrel of gunpowder; but now it says that it is more dangerous, for gunpowder will keep still and wait for fire to approach it, while gasoline, when once leak, evaporates and drifts hither and thither in search of fire! The *Monitor* also mentions a number of cases of gasoline explosions and accidents which ought to serve as a warning to those who use it.

A French *savant*, M. LE ROY, declares that a marked degeneration has taken place of late years in the *physique* of the Parisians. The true Parisian is stunted in growth and of muddy complexion; his children are undersized, emaciated and pale; and at last he dies of anemy. In spite of the solicitude manifested by Government for the hygienic welfare of all classes, the amount of carbonic acid produced by the pulmonary emanations of two millions of human beings, each of whom daily exhales 21 9 grammes of oxide of carbon, is something frightful. To this noxious vapor must be added that produced by the gas manufactories, &c. Another cause for the impoverished blood is the enormous increase of the use of tobacco and alcohol.

In a recent number of *Blackwood*, a writer, in speaking of the medical profession, says he has always felt the absence of medical men from Parliament as a great loss. "It is not merely," he says, "that there are a variety of topics on which they could speak with authority and instruction, but that to whatever subject they addressed themselves they would bring that blended knowledge of facts and human nature, that composite structure to which science gives something and humanity more, which is sure to be of immense value in a legislative assembly." Need we say more?

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

The new theatre and varieties constructed out of the Tammany building is to be opened this evening, and the WORRELL Sisters are to produce a new burlesque, called "The Field of the Cloth of Gold," at their New-York Theatre. Beyond these nothing new is announced for the current week in theatricals. The evenings immediately following the New-Year festival are usually slack time in the amusement world, but after that the Winter novelties are rushed along in quick succession. In this connection it becomes appropriate to remark that the changes cannot come any too soon. The public are ready whenever the managers may be. Let us hope that 1869 will be able to make up a worthier page of dramatic history than 1868 has done. The old year has not bequeathed to posterity a single drama that will live, and very few entertainments which may be pleasantly remembered. Innumerable new pieces have been written, played, and have paid good profits to all concerned in their production; but when posterity comes to examine the claimants for fame, "gross receipts" won't be weighed in the balance against brains. "Humpty Dumpty's" 350 nights, the "White Fawn's" 200, "Ixion's" eighty, and the fifty of Mr. BYRON'S "Lancashire Lass," are fine things for managers to boast about, but they rather go to show that the advertising agents ought to have as much credit for the "long runs" as the dramatists get. Indeed the severest commentary on "long runs" is given in the marvelous success of "Humpty Dumpty"—a piece that has not only succeeded without the aid of any literary merit whatever, but most of the action of the piece being based upon mere verbal directions from the stage manager to the actors to do certain things at certain moments, may be absolutely called a play that never was written, and which has outlived a dozen dramas, among which are to be named "Nu Thoroughfare," the "Lottery of Life," "Fire Fly," "Lorlie," "Ixion," "Foul Play,"

—the last at Central Park Garden. Mr. THEODORE THOMAS was, of course, the director. At the Cosmopolitan Garden, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in Third-avenue, Mr. ARDAVANI presided over a capital band, also in the afternoon. This establishment was opened to the public on Saturday, and orchestral music will be one of its principal features. At Steinway Hall there was the usual Sunday concert under Mr. THOMAS' direction. Ten pieces were promised on the programme, but half as many more were given. A young *prima donna*, Mrs. FARNSWORTH, made her *début*, and was received with favor by the intelligent audience,—for in musical intelligence this audience is always prompt and fair in its decisions. Mr. J. N. PATTISON was the piano-soloist, and played with such spirit as to insure two *encores*. The orchestral numbers were admirably interpreted. Round the corner the Mendelssohn Orchestral Union (Irving Hall) gave their second concert. The orchestra was unusually full, numbering nearly twenty instruments. The "Jubel Overture," introducing the English and Prussian national anthems, and the overture to "William Tell," were very well played. So too were two pieces by Mr. MOLLENHAUER, who conducted them in person. Mr. MOLLENHAUER is a first-class violinist and a thorough musician, but as a composer of popular music he is somewhat too popular for our taste. Herr FOLLAK was in excellent voice, and was rewarded with abundant applause. A young lady, Miss M. WEDEMEYER, recited two pieces with effect, and Miss F. ROKOHL made her *début* as a concert singer. The lady last named has a good strong voice, which needs cultivation.

On Saturday next the Philharmonic Society will give its second concert of the season. Mlle. CAMILLA URSO and Mr. S. B. MILLS are the soloists.

Mme. PAREPA-ROSA and the members of her troupe (including the famous cornet player Mr. LEVY) will give a concert at Steinway Hall on Friday next. The announcement will certainly be sufficient to all the establishment to its greatest capacity. The company plays in Boston to-night and on Wednesday.

GLEES AND MADRIGALS.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments recently given in this City took place at Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening last. The occasion was complimentary to Mr. JAMES A. JOHNSON,—a gentleman whose name is associated with much earnestness in the cause of good choral singing. If we may judge of his industry by the result attained, he is certainly worthy the daintiest of compliments, and the concert on Tuesday was dainty in all its particulars. The programme was not only inviting in what it contained, but it was a model of good taste in typography and in mechanical arrangement. There were about fifty singers present. Of this number, excellently well balanced, a good proportion was of that semi-professional class which sings in churches, and the rest were amateurs. Amateurs, it may be here remarked, are frequently accomplished artists. They sing for love of art, and generally have enjoyed advantages in acquiring its practice. Most assuredly no chorus in the City has sung with greater promptness and delicacy than this band of enthusiasts, who, for a single occasion, have brought themselves to a degree of rare perfection. Modest merit has never been more triumphant. We trust sincerely that Dr. BROWN, who conducted with perfect steadiness, will from this nucleus be able to establish a permanent Society. Failing in this, it is certainly due to the community to give a few more performances. The English possess a wealth of madrigal and glee music. It is characterized by vivacity and melodiousness, or, where the sentiment requires it, by great earnestness. The habit of composing this class of music has by no means died out, although good Madrigal Societies are not numerous even in England.

Bishop HATTON, MACFARREN, HULLAH and many others have contributed nobly to the repertoire. The pieces on Tuesday night were contrasted very skillfully, but the old numbers were the most enjoyed, owing perhaps to their graceful quaintness and the extraordinary ability with which they were rendered. It is not, however, our purpose to criticise a concert which in its way was perfect. Although there were twenty-four numbers in the programme, there was not the slightest faltering from beginning to end. The singers observed the nicest gradations of coloring, and the *tempi* throughout were correct and salient. The solos were intrusted to competent hands, and gave abundant satisfaction. Mr. S. P. WARREN presided at the organ, and Mr. B. J. CONNOLLY played the accompaniment. Most of the madrigals and glees were of course given without accompaniment.

Fine Arts.

The second distribution of works of art by the Derby Athenæum will take place at the rooms of the Association, No. 680 Broadway, on Saturday evening next, the 9th instant. Eight paintings valued at $10,000 will be given to the fortunate holders of the lucky numbers—which, it should be remembered, are the first drawn from the urn. The works are "Maud Muller," by CONSTANT MAYER; "North Coast of England," by DE HAAS; the "Source of the Susquehanna," by MIGNOT; "Castle on the Rhine," by BIERSTADT; "Newport," by KENNEDY; "Lake George," by CASILEAR; "Golden Summer," by W. T. RICHARDS; and "Brook-side," by A. F. BELLOWS. Every purchaser of $5 worth of books at the Athenæum—getting them at the usual publisher's price—has an opportunity of becoming the owner of one of the above paintings.

A Foolish Project to Take the Canadas by Force.

Extract from a Letter from Joseph Medill, of Chicago, to Gen. Rawlins.

I esteem the acquisition of British North America as almost equal in value to the seceded States, which we conquered. We need that country for its vast forests, its wheat and barley lands, its fisheries, its furs. New-England needs Nova Scotia for its coal. The West needs the St. Lawrence for its natural outlet to the Atlantic Ocean. The Saskatchewan Valley will in the future be a great wheat-growing region. The Northern Pacific Railway from the head of Lake Superior, via St. Paul, will run close along the boundary line for more than 2,000 miles, to Oregon. We don't want a naval power, supported by a foreign nation, established on our Northern frontier. By the doctrine of "nationalities" and natural frontiers that country should be ours, and some day will be. The people are of the same race, religion, language, literature, and have the same form of government almost, and use our system of weights and measures and decimal currency. By acquiring the "Dominion" we get rid of a line of custom-houses and break up smuggling which robs our Treasury of millions of revenue per annum, and we settle the vexed fishery question forever. But I need not enumerate the benefits and advantages to accrue therefrom, as you have studied the same, and perhaps more thoroughly than I have and are ready to ask me the question: How are we to get the Dominion? I answer: Take it. How did Prussia enlarge her area one-third and her population 11,000,000? How did Piedmont become master of Italy? How did France get Savoy and Nice? How did Great Britain obtain the Dominion from France, and how did she acquire the Indian Empire?

Great Britain has wronged us, inflicted terrible harm on us, tried to destroy our Union, and almost did destroy our foreign shipping. She has made no apology or reparation. Reverdy Johnson has disgraced us and proved himself an old flunkey and a disgusting snob. Gen. GRANT, 100 days hence, will be President. He has a party of tremendous strength to support him. The reconstruction question will be settled by this election. Very little remains to be done. The Democracy are going to abandon the issues they have fought us on for four years. He has an opportunity to immortalize his administration, and place his fame high above all Presidents who have preceded him. Let him say to Great Britain, "You will give you a receipt in full for all damages and injuries and $100,000,000, and take your North American Colonies, which are of no use to you, but would be valuable to us." If England refuses, then take possession of the territory, and in the treaty of peace she will be glad to accept the hundred millions. She can't hold the Canadas ninety days against Gen. GRANT, sound the bugle, and enough of the old veterans will rally in a month to sweep the Dominion as fast as they can march over it. The campaign would be as sharp and decisive as that of Prussia against Austria, which ended one-third of Germany to Prussia. The Irish element would flock to the support of GRANT en masse, and all the ex-rebel soldiers he could accept would be glad to fight under his standard, and thus would be restored an era of reconciliation with the South. LEE and LONGSTREET, and HOOD and JOHNSTON, and TAYLOR, HAMPTON and BEAUREGARD, would jump at the opportunity to don the "blue" and fight under the old flag. Just let the General say the word and the people will rally to his support as one man for the acquisition of the Dominion.

The New-York Homeopathic Dispensary.

The Trustees of this charitable Institute, which has given medical relief to more than 11,000 patients during the past year, make an appeal to their friends for funds to enable them to carry on their work during the Winter months. The Dispensary has a corps of nine physicians in daily attendance, most of whom receive no pecuniary return for their labors; but the necessary expenses, rent, coal, gas, medicines, &c., amount to $3,000 per annum. Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. ARCHIBALD G. FLEMING, No. 303 Broadway, or to any of the following-named Trustees: Wm. L. Andrews, Theo. Gilman, William H. Hoag, R. S. Walcott, Willard L. Felt, J. W. Bigelow, Dr. R. F. Fowler, J. A. Robinson, A. O. Benedict, R. M. Twombly, C. P. Frame, W. H. Peckham.

CHICAGO.

The Old and the New Year—Interesting Statistics—Great Public Improvements—The Movement to Close the Government Military Asylums.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Ill., Friday, Jan. 1, 1869.

The old year passed out with a blusterer, blurting in our faces an Eastern snow-storm, the severest of the season. The old year is gone with its memorable events, and has entered into the history of the race. Another has begun. What is hidden beyond the vail mortal eyes may not see; but we must patiently wait the development of the days as they come and go, and it is not given us to know what 1869 will bring forth; but "sufficient unto the day is the evil (and the good) thereof."

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Our daily papers are publishing a detailed record of the events which have transpired in our city during the past year, as well as other statistical matter of interest. I give some of the more important items, which will show that the departing year has left its mark upon Chicago, as well as elsewhere:

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS ERECTED IN 1868.

Residences completed	2,000	$5,000,000
Residences unfinished	1,150	2,000,000
Business stores, &c.	1,000	13,000,000
Churches	35	1,700,000
School-houses	20	800,000
Small dwellings, &c.	3,000	1,500,000
Under way	1,000	1,500,000
Grand total	8,205	$25,000,000

Some of these estimates are only proximate, and are probably too high. I should reduce the number of buildings fully one thousand, and the cost $5,000,000. This will give us a handsome aggregate, such as we ought to be satisfied with. There have been many substantial buildings put up—more than in any former year. A brick-maker informs me that not far from 100,000,000 bricks have been used.

The *Tribune*, however, gives quite a different estimate or statement from the above from the *Republican*. It says that there were 4,410 new structures actually erected, at a cost of $20,646,000. But still hundreds of story-and-a-half wooden shells have been put up—to be replaced before long by better ones, after having served present necessities.

Thirty miles of water-pipe have been put down during the past season, and we have now a total of 209¾ miles. The cost of street openings and widenings during the year has been $619,440, and of bridges across the river, $121,144. Twenty-one miles of Nicolson pavement have been laid to all, at a cost of $2,092,482; and thirty miles of sidewalk, at a cost of $159,895. There are now in the city 463 miles. Within the year 768 lamp-posts have been erected, making a total of 4,965. The total assessments for street openings, alley openings, block pavement, lamp-posts, drains, &c., have been $3,212,915. There have been 7 miles of sewerage constructed the present year, making the aggregate in the city 107 miles.

In our Police statistics we are quite metropolitan. We license 2,100 saloons to make people "drunk and disorderly," and keep a Police force at a cost of about $500,000, mainly to look after the rascalities which the saloons produce. There were 22,899 arrests during the year, or about one in ten of our population. Of these 12,230 were Irish, out of an Irish population of 45,000; 5,991 Americans, which includes "foreigners" born in this country, and 1,919 Germans. Perhaps the fact that many of our Police—I should judge a majority—are Germans, who don't like the Irish, accounts for this disparity of arrests of the two nationalities to some extent. Of the offences over 11,000 belonged directly to the "drunk and disorderly family." Only six murders are reported. We have contributed 144 to the population of the Penitentiary during the year, 236 to the County Jail and 49 to the Bridewell.

In taxes and public expenses we are also quite metropolitan. The valuation of the city for 1868 was, real estate, $174,490,360; personal, $55,786,340; and the tax levy, $3,228,457. The value or railroad property assessed in this county is $2,599,135. We have, as in New-York, a good deal of wasteful expenditure, high salaries, &c., which make our taxes much higher than they ought to be. They amount to $15 on the $1,000 this year. But we have our "rings," and the people are pled to support them, as with you.

Our schools have been largely improved during the year by extending their facilities—eight new buildings having been erected. We have now thirty-one school-buildings, which are valued at nearly $1,000,000. The recent ones have cost about $75,000.

The local and general taxes of the year exceed $7,000,000, being about equally divided between the two.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The city, as well as private individuals, are engaged in quite a number of enterprises of the nature of public improvements. Among these is the tunnel under Chicago River at Washington-street, just completed at an expense of $328,000. The entrances are two blocks from the river on either side. There are three archways, one for foot passengers and two for teams.

The Illinois Central Railroad have just completed a slip 1,500 feet long and 150 wide on the lake front, south of the river. It is designed for the lake business of the road. There are now within a fraction of ten miles of dockage on Chicago River, which in business season on the lakes is overcrowded, rendering an extension necessary. There are various other works of lesser note going forward, in the aggregate involving a large expenditure.

Litigation has greatly increased in this city during the year, as shown by the records of the courts. The cases in the Recorder's, Superior and Circuit Courts, were 6,001 in 1868, against 4,686 in 1867. There have been 1,004 cases of bankruptcy before the United States Courts during the year, making 1,313 since the passage of the act.

There were 465 divorce suits commenced during the year—by husbands 176, by wives 289. The whole number of decrees granted was 345. The number of licenses granted for marriages was 4,547, being an increase of 297 over the previous year.

We have a Fire Department which costs us about $350,000 a year, but it is very efficient. There were 442 fires during the past year, involving a loss of $3,086,436, covered by an insurance of $2,530,884; of the loss, $2,265,486 occurred in January—mostly in the great fire of the 28th, and the burning of Farwell Hall.

I have thus given a summary of the "doings" of Chicago in 1868, with some things done before, and to be done hereafter. It is a pretty good showing.

OTHER MATTERS.

A verdict of $7,500 was rendered against the Tribune Company yesterday, in the libel suit of a Mrs. WILKINSON, to the astonishment of everybody. Juries are queer institutions, and oftentimes not to be pended on as a medium of justice.

It is contemplated to break up the Chicago Soldiers' Home, and transfer the crippled men to the Government Asylums. This is a private institution, and has been run by a Board of lady managers for the past four years by funds generously contributed by the public. The State, however, made an appropriation of $12,000 for two years. The Board have something like $40,000 on hand, and grounds and buildings worth $60,000. It is proposed to convert the institution into an asylum for soldiers' widows and orphans who are in destitute circumstances. Col. INGRAHAM is now here to make the transfer, by order of Gen. BUTLER, President of the National Asylum Association. There is considerable opposition to the movement on the part of some members of the Board, who have friends in paying situations in the Home. One reason for breaking up the Home is, that it is too expensive to make it justifiable in keeping it up. It costs about three times as much per man as it does in the National Asylum. Another reason is that, as a general thing, the inmates are of the worst class of soldiers, and need the restraint of a military rule. They frequent the saloons, and get drunk on all possible occasions. They are, almost to a man, Paddies, as you can't keep a Yankee in a place like this. He is out and doing something for himself. I will give one instance of the propensity of the inmates for drink: A man with one leg and part of the other gone received money from the Government to procure artificial limbs. His companion put him into an express wagon to go for the legs, and took him to a saloon, and that is the last the Home heard of him for a week, when he was found in a back room, he and his companions having squandered all his money. Others have come back minus their shirts—the latter soon becomes having taken all their clothes but their pantaloons for drinks. Under these circumstances it has been thought best to remove them.

Business is "comparatively dull." Money is very "tight"—much more so than the reports of the daily papers indicate.

UTAH TERRITORY.

The Weather—Progress of the Pacific Railroads—Ogden, the Last New Town—Its Prospects—Amusements.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SALT LAKE CITY, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1868.

The weather continued very mild for the season up to last Friday, when it did appear that Winter had fully set in, for the snow fell fast and furious. On the following morning about eight inches of snow covered the surface of the earth. There was hardly enough, however, for good sleighing, yet the jingle of the sleigh-bells has been heard in the streets ever since, notwithstanding that much of the snow soon thawed, leaving the roads bare in many places. It is raining steadily to-day, and it is a very dull, cheerless Christmas Eve. Much less snow has fallen north and south of this city than here. In the Weber canyon, where the railroad graders are at work, there is only about three inches of snow, nothing to hinder the grading on that account. The frost is the greatest hindrance, and that is more severe there than in this valley, yet the work continues, and the calculation is to have the rails at Echo City, at the mouth of Echo canyon, and near the upper end of Weber canyon, about forty miles from this valley, by the end of the year.

THE RAILROAD AND THE NEWEST TOWN.

Thus, discussing the trite topic of the weather, I am brought to the great topic of the railroad, which is on every tongue. The chief point of interest connected with the railroad just now appears to be Ogden, forty miles north of this city. That is now the favorite place of great expectation. The Central Pacific Company are about to build a depot, engine and carriage shops, &c., there. The Union Pacific Company may do the same, and it is stated that the railroad employes to be located there will be numbered by thousands, which, with the additions that will be made of other kinds of population, and the impetus of travel, will make a very respectable sized, lively, thriving city. Indeed, individuals are numerous who are by no means backward in prophecying that Ogden will be, and soon, the largest city in the Territory, although at present it contains but three or four hundred houses. It is the common talk of the more sanguine that within a couple of years Salt Lake City will be surpassed by Ogden in population, business, life and material prosperity, and that Ogden will be the commercial centre, and Salt Lake City the theological centre of the Territory.

NEWSPAPER CHANGES.

Some important changes in newspaper matters are under way. The prospects are fair for Ogden to be the place of issue of three daily newspapers within a very few weeks. The *Telegraph*, (Mormon,) of this city, will remove to Ogden immediately after the close of the year and establish itself. The *Telegraph* also announces that it will commence a weekly issue in a short time. Heretofore it has been published daily and semi-weekly only. It is also stated that the *Reporter* (Gentile) will remove hence to that place in a short time. The *Frontier Index*, (Gentile, with strong Southern proclivities,) which was burnt out in the late Bear River City riot, is to reappear at Ogden, under the name of the *Frontier Phanix*, in a month or two. So, newspaperially, Ogden will suddenly advance to the front rank, for those removals will leave Salt Lake City with only one daily paper, the old steady-going *Deseret News*, the semi-official Mormon organ. By the by, the *Reporter* has recently partially changed hands, Mr. S. S. SAUL, the original proprietor and the founder of that paper, having dissolved his connection therewith, retired from the institution in disgust, and returned to his former place of residence, San Francisco. In his valedictory he stated that pecuniarily the enterprise had been anything but successful and satisfactory to him. Nor did he speak in very flattering terms of his local contemporaries, which have never yet publicly acknowledged that such a paper as the *Reporter* existed in the Territory, but have systematically and inflexibly ignored it, on the old Mormon principle of "letting it severely alone," although they have not abstained from administering a cutting sidethrust occasionally.

THE FLOATING POPULATION.

The present Winter and the ensuing Spring and Summer, Ogden, without a doubt, will be a most lively place, probably the most lively in the Territory, for the vigorous, restless, impulsive, turbulent and reckless population that has kept pace with the advance of the rails, and that caused and participated in the Bear River tragedy, will doubtless concentrate there. Now that portion of the population is at Echo City, or strung along Echo canyon, extending over "the summit" eastward to Bear River, but decidedly gravitating westward toward Echo City.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Notwithstanding the dull and cheerless state of the weather this Christmas Eve, in consequence of the comparative abundance of greenbacks the present holiday time is likely to be as as merry a one to most of the population of this Territory as any that has occurred, and notwithstanding the rather tall prices of provisions and other necessaries and comforts.

The theatre, for a month past, has been running nightly, with Mr. MCCULLOCH as the chief star, Mme. SCHNEIDER as the resident (temporarily) star, and Mr. WALDRON as the third star in magnitude. Mr. MCCULLOCH's engagement has been a successful one. Last night was his last, previous to his return to San Francisco. As an actor he has won considerable popularity here.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The State Institutions—Lunatic Hospitals—Course of Treatment of the Insane—Gratifying Results—The State Prison—Financial Condition of Boston.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1869.

The Legislature of Massachusetts will meet next Wednesday. The documents that will be sent to it, pertaining to our State institutions, contain a large amount of valuable information. The report of the agent of the State for aiding discharged convicts shows that during the past year he has extended aid to 168 convicts. The average age of the men who have come under his care is 29 years and 8 months; 57 were of American parentage, 82 Irish, 12 English, 3 Canadian, 2 French, 7 Scotch, 5 Germans; 159 white, 9 colored.

The total proceeds of sales of land for the commonwealth amount to $2,441,267 32.

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

The hospital at Taunton needs to be enlarged. During fifteen years, with an average of 350 patients, and an aggregate of 5,500, but 42 cases of death from acute disease have occurred. This result is partly owing to the dry, airy and isolated situation of the hospital, and to the regular mode of life of the patients; but part, also, to a want of susceptibility of acute disease on the part of the patient. It is observed that insane patients are less able than others to resist the ordinary attacks of acute diseases. Among the causes of insanity, intemperance stands at the head of the list. Some observations made with much care in the year 1865, and continued during a period of six months, on all the epileptic patients then in the house, with the bromide of potassium, gave simply a negative result, although by some it is considered as almost a specific in this disease. The number of admissions to the hospital during the past year has been unexampled. The average weekly expense of each patient has been $8 57; income from each patient, $3 67. The ratio of recoveries to admissions was 36 99. Of the whole number admitted, it appears that nearly one-half pursued active employment out of doors; and those of sedentary habits, about one-seventh.

AT NORTHAMPTON

the number of patients in the hospital is 421, or eight more than in 1867. This hospital is also overcrowded. The hygienic condition of the establishment is excellent. The earnings of the hospital for boarders was $29,716. The institution is self-supporting. Thirty-six patients have recovered during the past year. The treatment here is physical, as well as medical and moral. The Superintendent observes that insanity is essentially a disease of debility. Tonics, including some stimulants, are the principal medicines, assisted by narcines, soporifics, alteratives or cathartics. The lancet is an instrument of the past. The paramount influence for good may be accorded to the moral treatment. The value of the products of the Northampton Hospital farm was $9,126. The hospital is now out of debt. Intemperance, it is shown, was the cause of insanity in patients admitted in 1868. There were more farmers than of any other occupation. The nativity of all the patients shows that two-thirds of them were Americans.

THE STATE PRISON.

The commitments at the Charlestown State Prison in 1867 were 68; in 1868, 120, which number in the prison, 714. The number pardoned during the year (34) is larger, with one exception, than any year in the history of the prison. The Warden says it is morally impossible to keep up the necessary discipline and good order, and retain a proper influence over the convicts, so long as pardons are thus freely, and, to a certain extent, indiscriminately dispensed. He thinks the principle is sagely wrong, and he records his solemn protest against the continuance of this great evil. The discipline, however, is of a high order. Last year the prison showed a profit of $22,846 16 over expenses. The profit last year was $27,646 49. The secret of this success has been in systematizing every department, and in obtaining something near the value for the labor of the convicts. It is suggested that the inmates should become interested in the receipts by being permitted, for industry and good conduct, to draw a percentage of the surplus, the same to be appropriated to the relief of their families or given them upon their discharge. The average cost per man has been $182 27; earnings of each man, $222 91. Ages of convicts now in prison: From 15 to 20 years, 59; 20 to 25 years, 180; 25 to 30 years, 124; 30 to 40 years, 120; 40 to 50 years, 42; 50 to 60 years, 28; 60 to 70 years, 10. Confinement for life, there are 54 convicts; for 25 years each, 5. Three hundred and eleven of the convicts had from Boston. In the institution there are only eight men who cannot read. Four of these are Roman Catholics, three are negroes, and only one a Yankee, and he was born in Boston. Out of 180 men received into the prison in a year, only one of them born in the State, or even in New-England, is unable to read.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF BOSTON.

The total funded and unfunded debt of Boston is now $18,428,502 75; increase in 1868, $4,788,166 51. The dead corpse of the city is $6,679,801. The gross debt during the year 1868 increased $4,788,166 51, and the net increase $3,864,137 49. The means for the redemption of the debt increased in 1868, $919,029 12. The total means on hand for the redemption of the debt, Dec. 31, 1868, is $5,618,309 75. Our citizens are highly gratified as the financial condition of the City Treasury, and this, too, notwithstanding many important and expensive public improvements have been made during the past year, including a large outlay of money in the new (Roxbury) territorial limits of the city. During the past year buildings of the value of $13,800,000 were erected in the city. VIGIL.

B. A POLLARD.

History of the Article for Publishing Which he was Assassinated—His Last Ride to Richmond.

The initial number of the Richmond *Southern Opinion*, under its new management, (W. D. CRESTERMAN & Co.,) has made its appearance. J. M. HANNA, Mr. POLLARD's associate, contributes a long and circumstantial account of the killing of the late editor of the paper, with many facts hitherto unpublished, from which we extract the following history of the "fatal article:" "I was at dinner at the Ballard House on a day the week previous, when a gentleman who sat at the same table with me remarked, 'Did you hear of the elopement?' I had not, and asked of him to whom he referred. The gentleman then named the parties, and related all the facts within his knowledge. Dinner over, I returned the office. Mr. POLLARD was not there; he had gone to his residence on the Grove road, but a note from him lay on my desk. Its contents were an urgent request to visit him at his house that evening, as he had some important items for communication to me. I visited him. I met him alone in my own room, as he seemed anxious that the servants should not overhear anything that might pass between us. He had some notes in his hand, and when I spoke of the case I had heard at the Ballard House, he remarked quickly: 'Yes, I have heard all about it, too, and I want you to take the address of this gentleman, go to him, get all the facts, and prepare an article upon it—in the old style, remember.' This was a phrase of his, used when he wished anything written in a peculiarly witty or sarcastic vein. He then gave me the notes he held in his hand.

I suggested that possibly it would be best to suppress names, as the parties stood high, and trouble might ensue. He angered at once, and replied: 'The papers don't keep my name out when I get into difficulty—why should I suppress the names of these persons? My family is as good as theirs. No, put the names in full; I'm responsible for what goes in my paper.'

Here the conversation dropped, or passed to other subjects. We came into the city together the next morning; in a few hours thereafter the article was written, and in the hands of the printers. That night I was again at his residence, and heard the proof read. Again I suggested that as the name occurred in but one place it might be omitted without injury to the interest or point of the article. He declined; nor do I think he altered or erased a single word, but, on the contrary, expressed entire satisfaction with it.

As the week drew to its close the alleged elopement was the town topic in certain circles, and grew in exaggeration. It was hinted abroad that the *Southern Opinion* was preparing to ventilate the matter. On Wednesday late, or early Thursday morning, a friend of the Grant family visited the *Opinion* office. Mr. POLLARD was at his country home; I was alone. This gentleman inquired whether such an article, based on the rumor afloat, was to appear in the next issue. I told him I believed there would be a publication. He inquired further whether such publication could not be suppressed, saying, "Really, this is very dreadful! you are doing a family a very great wrong; beside, there is not one particle of truth in the report." He then recounted the circumstances of the young lady's going away. I told him I was powerless to stop the publication of the smallest paragraph after it was once in type; that Mr. POLLARD was editor, proprietor and chief censor.

"Then," said he, "is there no way in which it can be stopped? Is there any pecuniary consideration which would induce you to forego the publication?"

With that the gentleman, on his own responsibility, as I have understood, offered to fill the space occupied by the article with an advertisement, for which he would pay $100 down. I told him I had no authority to negotiate; that he must see Mr. POLLARD. "Then where can Mr. POLLARD be found? I must see him at once," was his reply; and receiving his address, he took a carriage and went out to the Grove-road residence. What consultation took place at that interview I never heard, except through a third party; but as I am the relator of facts within my own knowledge only I omit even the substance. There were several subsequent interviews, however, between this gentleman and Mr. POLLARD. The paper was usually put to press on Thursdays at 4 P. M., but on the afternoon of this day, when the forms were on the press, I received orders from Mr. POLLARD to hold them back until Friday morning.

Late on Thursday evening there was another interview between the gentlemen representing the Grant family and Mr. POLLARD, in the presence of the writer. The conversation again, as before, hinged on the possibility of suppressing the publication. The intermediator at last, rising with impatience, said with emphasis, "Mr. POLLARD, is there no way by which this can be prevented? I am a friend of the family, am acting as such, and do assure you, upon the honor of a gentleman, that the reports concerning its members are false—utterly false." Mr. POLLARD, rising, walked the floor of his *sanctum*, then resumed his seat and replied: "As for any pecuniary considerations that may be offered me, that is purely a matter of business. I publish my paper to sell. If Mr. GRANT, or you as his representative, wish to purchase this edition of my paper, I will sell it to you; or I will sell a half interest in my paper, or I will sell it entire; for I have wished for some time to form another newspaper association in New-York City. But as for selling my principle, that I will never do; there is not money enough to buy me." The gentleman remained silent, and Mr. POLLARD resumed: "Or, if I publish this article, this I am willing to do; I will open my columns to Mr. GRANT, and I will print line for line and word for word whatever he may write in contradiction of the article."

The gentleman asked: "Mr. POLLARD, can I see the article you have prepared for publication?" Mr. POLLARD turned to me and said: "Have you any objection to Mr. —— reading it?" I re bied, "None in the least," and passed the proof-sheet to him. He read it over carefully, and concluding, remarked: "Well, that is not so bad as I expected it would be; nevertheless, there is not one word of truth in the whole of it." Mr. POLLARD demurred. "How is it, Mr. ——, then, that all these stories are going about? I myself have made inquiries, and feel justified in making them public to ugh my paper." Mr. ——, for the third or fourth time, related the circumstances of the case, adding, "Now, that is all there is in it."

Still another and last interview was had early on Friday morning between this same gentleman and Mr. POLLARD. The former did not seat himself, but appearing at the door of the editorial room, delivered his message: "Mr. POLLARD, your propositions are declined; I can do nothing further." Mr. POLLARD responded, "Well, Sir," and there the matter ended. The paper was at once put to press, and in it was the fatal article.

The paper appeared on Saturday morning, and the sensation it produced was very apparent; but the day passed without any intimation from any member or friend of the GRANT family that they would seek reparation in any manner, or avail themselves of the columns of the *Opinion* as a medium of correction.

Saturday Mr. POLLARD remained in his office all day, purposely, as he said, to receive any gentleman that might call as the spokesman of the Grant party. Unexpectedly to him, he was waited upon the afternoon of that day by several gentlemen—parties to an entirely different affair—who felt themselves aggrieved by another article in the same number of the *Opinion*. This interview was a stormy one, but it was finally adjourned to the next Monday, when it was amicably settled with all, save one of the parties. He (Mr. POLLARD) had determined to challenge the next morning; but before even the note was penned, H. RIVES POLLARD had fallen by the hand of an unseen foe.

We also slip the following from Mr. HANNA's account:

At about 8:45 o'clock the vehicle was announced as ready to carry us into the city and the office of the *Opinion*. The presentiment of trouble yet strong on my mind, I said to Mr. POLLARD, "Suppose you do not go into town to-day, I can supply the printers." "No," he answered, "I must go—beside I must see that man to-day."

This ride was not more eventful than many other rides we had taken together. Mr. POLLARD sat on the front seat with Mr. REDFORD, the driver; I helped them to get on their overcoats, as we were cold, and there was none until the vehicle had passed into the city, on Main-street. We passed the residence of Rev. Dr. HOGE, and I observed that there was crape on the door. "Who is dead?" inquired Mr. POLLARD. "Not Dr. HOGE, I hope. (He had been ill, but was then convalescent.) Mr. REDFORD said the party deceased was a female member of the family, which appeared to relieve greatly the sudden anxiety of Mr. POLLARD. Among the few of those for whom he expressed admiration, he numbered Dr. HOGE, and his estimation of the personal character of a man and reputation as a minister was of the most exalted kind. He had preached the funeral sermon of the late Joseph MAYO, Editor of the Richmond *Enquirer* in 1855, and Mr. POLLARD, seeming to recall this incident, said in tones more solemn than was his wont, "I have always said that when I die—as I must, probably, some day—I want Dr. HOGE to preach my funeral sermon. He thinks he is one of the best Christians and most eloquent preachers that ever lived." I had heard him express such sentiments before, and so made an affirmative ans wer to his remarks.

On down Main-street, past the Spotswood, we drew swiftly to and the spot where death lay in wait watching for the coming of the victim.

Sitting behind him, I noticed that Mr. POLLARD bowed occasionally to persons on the street. Once, after a salute, he turned to me and said: "There goes a man who I know hates me."

On we were driven—one of us to death. The assassin's eye, peering from the curtained window, is already fastened upon its mark, coming nigher and nigher, charmed with the circle of death. We alight—Mr. POLLARD first; I after him.

One eye of the garreted assassin is closing, the other glances along the charged barrel; his forefinger presses the deadly trigger. Providence separates us by a little time and space—a moment—a few feet. Another second, there is a flash, a crack sharp and sudden, a splash of buck-shot against the brick wall, and H. RIVES POLLARD lies dead, stretched at my feet.

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MARRIED.

PARSONS—BRIGHAM.—At Framingham, Mass., on Wednesday, Dec. 30, GEORGE S. PARSONS, of Montclair, N. J., to ALICE M. BRIGHAM, of Concord, Mass. No cards.

DIED.

CLARKSON.—In Weidelberg, Germany, on Friday morning, Dec. 11, PAULINE RIVES CLARKSON, wife of David M. Clarkson, of Newburg on the Hudson, New-York.

CLAPP.—In Orange, N. J., on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1869, HENRY MARTIN, youngest son of Oliver M. and L. Antoinette Clapp, aged 3 years, 4 months and 14 days.

Funeral on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 3 o'clock P. M. at the residence, Cleveland-st., near Park-av.

CLARKSON.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, Dec. 31, 1868, SAMUEL FLOYD CLARKSON, Counsellor-at-law, in the 72d year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family, and members of the Bar, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica-st., Brooklyn, opposite the City Hall, on Monday, 4th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

CRAIG.—On Friday, Jan. 1, JOSEPH CRAIG, aged 60 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 38 King-st., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 9½ o'clock A. M. The members of Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., are invited as above.

DURYEE.—On Saturday, Jan. 2, FLORENCE, daughter of Joseph W. Duryee, in the 13th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services on Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, corner Madison-av. and 42d-st.

EASTON.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 3, CHARLES EASTON, in the 65th year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

EVANS.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 3, 1869, of pneumonia, Mrs. SARAH A. EVANS.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Wednesday morning, Jan. 6—her 49th birthday—at 10½ o'clock, from the residence of her nephew, Wm. J. Bryan, No. 238 East 50th-st.

FENNI.—On Wednesday, Dec. 30, WILLIAM FENNI, in the 80th year of his age.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend his funeral on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 1 o'clock, from the residence of Wm. F. Wright, No. 169 Franklin-av., Brooklyn.

☞ Middletown, Conn., papers please copy.

FOSS.—In Sing Sing, N. Y., on Friday, Jan. 1, GRACE MITCHELL, infant child of Rev. Archibald C. and Caroline M. Foss, aged 5 months and 11 days.

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THE EXPRESS ROBBERIES.

Merton and Thompson Given up by the Canadian Authorities—The Rivalries of the Detectives.

From the Detroit Advertiser and Tribune, Jan. 1.

The necessary papers having been made out by the Canadian authorities for the extradition of C. E. THOMPSON and ISAAC S. MORTON, the persons who are accused of having robbed the Merchants' Union Express Company on the morning of May 1 last, on the Hudson River Railroad, and forwarded to Sheriff MCEWEN, they will to-day be formally surrendered into the custody of the United States authorities for trial in the State of New-York. The prisoners will be conveyed to the Suspension Bridge by a Canadian officer, and there taken into custody by Col. E. M. RICHARDSON, Assistant Secretary of the Express Company, and SAMUEL M. FELKER, the well-known Government detective, and his men.

These prisoners were some time since committed for extradition by Mr. MCMICKEN, at Sandwich, and were taken to Toronto on a writ of habeas corpus, where, after very able arguments on both sides, the Chief Justice decided against them. The case was then removed to a still higher tribunal, and up to a few days since, was pending there. The prisoners make no denial of their having taken the money-be longing to the Express Company, and would some time since have voluntarily surrendered themselves for trial in the United States, provided some other person than PINKERTON or any of his men had been deputed to take them into custody. As their wish in this respect was not acceded to, they concluded to test their case bitterly, and although they had appealed, as before stated, as soon as an order was issued that Mr. RICHARDSON and Mr. FELKER should receive them in behalf of the United States, they immediately instructed their counsel at once to withdraw their appeal, and proposed to surrender themselves for trial. Thus, a lengthy litigation has been obviated and the prisoners will be speedily arraigned before a jury of their countrymen.

They objected seriously to being handled by any of PINKERTON's men, because they feared that they were in some way identified with the Vigilance Committee that recently murdered RENO and ANDERSON. We have seen a letter written by MORTON, to the Attorney General of Canada, in which he sets forth his belief very conclusively, and says, for himself and companion, that they shall have their rights as men, and get whatever belong to them as criminals. They offered to cross the border with Mr. FELKER, and the writ was selected to withdraw all the objections they had previously made to leaving Canada. In connection with this case it may not be amiss to state that Mr. FELKER has already recovered a large amount of the property taken from the Express Company.

While on express robbery matters we may perhaps make an allusion to the case of RENO and ANDERSON, who were recently executed by an Indiana mob. Mr. FELKER, both before and since the murder of these men, offered to arrest the real robbers who commited the offence for which they were exradited—that is the robbery of the Adams' Express Company, near Mansfield, Ind., and also offered, in the same connection, to recover a large portion of the stolen bonds. He offered not only to do this, but to furnish positive proof of the guilt of the men whom he would arrest, and made propositions to this effect to Mr. GAITHER, representing the Express Company. GAITHER refused to entertain the propositions, giving as a reason that the Company had employed Mr. PINKERTON as their detective. Similar propositions were made by Mr. RUFFIN, Chief of Police at Cincinnati, and Col. WOOD, Chief of the National Bureau of Detectives—the latter in writing. A prominent detective assures us he represented to the Adams' Express Company that RENO and ANDERSON were not guilty of the Mansfield robbery, and went to Cincinnati and offered to arrest the real criminals immediately, provided consent would be given.

This information is given us in all apparent candor, and, in the absence of anything to the contrary, we are bound to believe it. This would certainly put a bad phase upon the hanging of RENO and ANDERSON, but justice ought to be done, though the heavens fall.

The Illinois River Improvement Convention.

From the Chicago Tribune, Jan. 1.

The Convention at Peoria on Wednesday was well attended, and the proceedings marked with more than ordinary directness. The men who participated in it understood the subject, and their proposed plan of action is eminently practical. Two millions and a half of dollars will make the Illinois River navigable for eight months of the year to the terminus of the canal, and the Convention propose to confine their efforts to secure that much of the greatly needed work. The Convention seemed to be of the opinion that there was danger in asking too much of the Legislature, and consequently they propose to ask nothing beyond an appropriation to construct the necessary locks and dams to secure this river navigation. The whole scheme of cheap water transportation embraces several projects, among which the most prominent are:

1. The improvement of the Illinois River with six or seven locks and dams from the mouth to a point near the mouth of the Kankakee, estimated to cost $2,500,000.

2. The enlargement of the Illinois and Michigan Canal to the same depth, which will cost $10,000,000.

3. The consruction of a canal from the Mississippi River, near Rock Island, to the Illinois River near Hennepin, with a navigable feeder to Rock River at Sterling and Dixon, to cost $400,000.

4. The improvement of the navigation of the Kankakee by a lock and dam, to cost $200,000.

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MIDLAND RAILROAD.
NOTICE.

The coupons due Jan. 1, 1869, on the bonds of the towns and cities, issued in aid of the construction of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad, will be paid upon presentation at the Fourth National Bank, in the City of New-York, on and after the 3d proximo.

W. M. CONKEY,
Treasurer New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad.
OSWEGO, Dec. 26, 1868.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house No. 237 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January ensuing, between the hours of 11 and 1 P.M.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house No. 214 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1869. Polls open from 11 M. to 1 P. M.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 25 BROADWAY, CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking-house, No. 25 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE SIGELOW BLUE-STONE CO.,
MALDEN, Ulster County, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this Company, for the ensuing year at the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next. Polls open at 2 and close at 3 o'clock P. M.
H. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 31, 1868.
HOLDERS OF THE COUPONS OF THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1869, are requested to present them at this bank for payment.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

STATE OF MISSOURI INTEREST.—THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, in New-York, Dec. 31, 1868, will pay coupons due Jan. 1, 1869, from bonds issued or guaranteed by the State of Missouri, (except those issued to the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad,) will be paid on presentation at this bank after that date.
H. CHANLER, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, New-York, Dec. 14, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of the bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 289 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, Broadway and Chambers-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking house TUESDAY, 12th inst., the polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock, noon.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

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Registered, 1881..	109		5-20 Coupon, '67..	107¾	107⅝
Coupon, '81....	111	111¼	5-20 Coupon, '68..	107⅝	107⅝
5-20 Regis., 1862.	108		10-40 Registered.	103¾	103¾
5-20 Coupon, '62..	111¾	111⅞	10-40 Coupon....	106	106¼
5-20 Coupon, '64..	107⅝	107⅞	Gold.....	134⅝	135
5-20 Coupon, '65..	108¼	108⅜	U. S. Cur. Pac....	99	99¼
5-20 Coupon, '65,					
Jan. and July..	107	107¼			

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of First Mortgage Preferred Bonds.
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of First Funding Bonds.
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due Jan. 1, 1869, will be paid at our office, No. 12 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 2d proximo, less Government tax, also due Jan. 1, 1869,
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NOTICE is hereby given that our safe was broken open on the night of the 31st December, 1868, or the morning of Jan. 1, 1869, at No. 44 Hudson-st., New-York City, and the following bonds therefrom: Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, No. 14,247, indorsed; also a receipt from same Company for ten shares of same stock; also, eight Five-twenty United States Bonds, Nos. 23,783, second series, 1862; also scrip of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, 1868, No. 2,621, $2,000; No. 3,088, $965; No. 3,623, $100—80 per cent. paid. Also, scrip of same Company, for 1866, No. 1,745, $3,600; 1867, No. 1,084, $3,250; also, two notes both dated New-York, 8th August, 1867, at four months, signed and indorsed by Herman Meyer; one for $1,701 41, and the other for $1,704 41; also, our own check, No. 974, on the Irving National Bank for $1,096 78, (date and name blank;) also, our own check, No. 1,004, on the Central National Bank for $60, (date and name blank.) All persons are notified against purchasing or negotiating for the same, as notice has been duly given to stop payments and transfer thereon.
MEYER, DEUTSCH & CO.
NEW-YORK, No. 44 Hudson-st., Jan. 2, 1869.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association to go into liquidation and be closed, has been taken, and that this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present and receive payment of their claims against this Association for payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.

Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.
By order of the Board of Directors.
FRS. SIMS, Cashier.

This Bank has reorganized as a State institution and will continue business as usual, under the name of The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

STUYVESANT BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFteen directors and three inspectors of election of this Bank will be held at their banking-house, No. 744 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JOHN VAN ORDEN, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 M. and 1 P. M.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 247 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 45 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 12th January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Company and for Inspectors will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, commencing at 12 o'clock M. and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.
A. J. ULLMTON, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. CO.,
GENERAL OFFICE, No. 32 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from this date until the morning of Wednesday, the 20th inst. By order of the Board of Managers.
A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE ROUGH DIAMOND SILVER MINING CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—THE ANnual meeting for the election of Trustees, or transaction of other business, will be held at No. 28 Warren-st., New-York, on THURSDAY, Jan. 14, 1869, at 3 o'clock P. M.
WM. H. ELVORD, Secretary.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, STATE OF GEORGIA,
ATLANTA, Dec. 24, 1868.
THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the State of Georgia, will be paid at the Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York.
N. L. ANGIER, Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Masterton Smith & Sinclair Stone Dressing Company will be held at their works, foot of East Thirty-fourth-st., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing Trustees and transacting any other business which may come before the meeting. The polls will remain open to 12 M.
By order of the Trustees, ALEXANDER MILNE, President.
New-York, Jan. 4, 1869.

SEEDS AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held at the office, No. 2 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 25th day of February, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to vote upon the question of levying a further assessment, by order of the Directors.
F. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR nine Trustees of the Smith and Parmelee Gold Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 9 Broad-st., in the City of New-York, on MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869, between the hours of 11 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M. By order.
WM. H. HOLLISTER, Secretary.

SCIOTO COUNTY COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1869, will be paid on presentation at the National Currency Bank, No. 2 Wall-st.

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SOUTHERN SECURITIES A SPECIALTY.
The July, 1862, Interest on Virginia Bonds and Registered Stock, payable at Richmond; and January, 1869, Interest on Louisiana State Bonds, payable at New-Orleans, collected and returns made promptly.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY LAND GRANT SCRIP.—The undersigned Commissioner, appointed for that purpose, under authority of a special act of the Legislature of Wisconsin, and a judgment of the Circuit Court of the County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will sell at public auction, at the Seymour House, in the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on the 15th day of December next, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, about one hundred and fifty thousand acres of land, granted by Congress to the Chicago and North-western Railway Company, situated principally in the Counties of Oconto, Shawano and Waupaca, with some tracts in Outagamie, Brown and Winnebago Counties, and for which the Company issued convertible land grant certificates or "scrip."

The object of the sale is to divide the lands among the holders of the scrip to whom it belongs, so far as practicable.

The lands were supposed to represent a value of about $1,800,000, or about $12 per acre.

Any scripholder who shall bid over $12 per acre can pay for his purchase by tendering the Commissioner an equal amount of scrip to be canceled. If a sum less than $12 per acre is bid, the purchaser must pay in lawful money.

To provide a fund for the payment of costs and expenses, the person paying in scrip must pay one per cent. of the amount of his bid in money.

All money in the hands of the Commissioner at the conclusion of sale will be paid into Court, and will be applied, first, in payment of the costs and expenses of the proceedings; second, the remainder will be divided pro rata among the holders of all the scrip that remains uncanceled at the conclusion of the sale, whether such scrip is represented at the sale or not.

Purchasers will receive a certificate of sale signed by the Commissioner, which, when confirmed by the Court, is declared by statute to be equivalent to a deed of conveyance.

If, at the conclusion of the sale, a portion of the lands should remain unsold for want of bidders, and the scrip should not all be canceled, application will be made to the Court for the appointment of a Trustee, to whom such unsold lands will be conveyed in trust for the holder of the scrip uncanceled.

Scripholders can obtain printed lists of lands to be sold, with the comparative appraisal and remarks of examiners as to location, timber, &c., or application at the Company's office, No. 52 Wall-st., New-York; or to the undersigned, at the Company's office in Chicago.

This examination was made about eight years ago, and does not show the exact present condition of the timber, as some depredations have been since committed.
JAMES H. HOWE, Commissioner.
CHICAGO, Nov. 26, 1868.

DISCONTINUATION OF SALE.
Milwaukee County Circuit Court.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company vs. Charles Butler et al.—The sale of the lands remaining unsold at the late sale on the 20th inst., has been continued until the 4th day of January, 1869, at the Seymour House, Oshkosh, Wis., commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., when the thousand acres remain unsold. Scrip will be received as before, on all bids over $12 per acre.
JAMES H. HOWE, Commissioner.
CHICAGO, Dec. 16, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING COUPONS DUE Jan. 1, 1869, will be paid on and after that date on presentation at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN, & CO., Bankers:
Albany City.
Buffalo City.
Chicago City Municipal.
Chicago City Water Loan.
Chicago City Park.
Charleston Gas Light Company.
Alabama State Eight Per Cents.
Missouri State, issued to Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, "Convertible."
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Fifteen Per Cents.

OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN GAS LIGHT CO.,
CORNER OF BROADWAY AND 29TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1868.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, Broadway, corner of 29th-st., on MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869. Poll opened at 12 M. and closed at 1 P. M.
J. MINKLEHAM, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 193 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

SAN FRANCISCO BONDS.—COUPONS DUE S Jan. 1, and payable in New-York City, will be paid at the agency of the Bank of California, No. 12 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

TWENTY-THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

OFFICE JERSEY CITY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 1 MONTGOMERY-ST.,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 30, 1868.
The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., (free from tax,) payable on and after Jan. 2, 1869.
A. B. DEAN, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE No. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868.
The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.
A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in common stock on and after Jan. 12, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 4th of January next. All payable at the office.
All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, No. 70 BROADWAY,
ROOM No. 7, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1868.
The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. (Four Dollars per Share) on the capital stock of the Company, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at the Company's office, as above.
The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 9 until Jan. 21.
By order of the Board.
JOHN PARKER, Secretary and Treasurer.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 341 and 343 East 4th-st.
On the 1st of January, 1869, an extra dividend of two per cent. for six months, and one per cent. for three months, will be paid to depositors entitled thereto.
ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.
Nov. 1, 1868.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand, at their office, No. 45 Wall-st.
I. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1869. The transfer books will be closed from this date until Jan. 2, proximo.
R. McCASTER, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January prox.
The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 10, 1869.
GEO. I. SHNEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD CO., (STONINGTON RAILROAD,)
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1868.
A DIVIDEND OF 3½ PER CENT. FREE of Government tax, was declared this day, payable at the office of M. MORGAN'S SONS, No. 2 William-st., on the 15th day of January, 1869.
Transfer books will be closed until the 16th prox.
F. B. NOYES, Secretary.

BANK OF AMERICA.—DIVIDEND.—THE President and Directors of the BANK OF AMERICA have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. for the current six months, free from tax, payable on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1869.
The transfer books will remain closed from this date until the succeeding day of January, 1869.
WM. L. JENKINS, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1868.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free of all tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 2, 1869, until which date the transfer books will remain closed.
JOHN L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
DEC. 31, 1868.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, free of all taxes, has been declared by this bank, payable on the 2d of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until then.
J. W. WOODS, Cashier.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28, 1868.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE BUTLER Coal Company have thus day declared a dividend of 50 cents per share, clear of taxes, payable on and after the 25th inst., at their office, No. 409 Walnut-st.
SAML DUTTON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 112 BROADWAY, Jan. 4, 1869.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE per cent., free of Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand.
WM. J. HUGHES, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 236 Canal-st.

Cash Capital - - - - - -	$150,000
Surplus - - - - - - - -	61,000

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
FRED. V. PRICE, Secretary.

BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
CHARTERED 1824.
OFFICES: No. 121 BROADWAY, CORNER DEY-ST., NEW-YORK; No. 11 COURT-ST., CORNER REMSEN, BROOKLYN.
BROOKLYN, Jan. 2, 1869.
SEVENTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.
The usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of TEN (10) PER CENT. and Government tax (payable on demand) has this day been declare from the profits of the last six months.
TUNIS C. BERGEN, Secretary.

TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.
PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
A Semi-annual Dividend of five (5) per Cent. has been declared, payable on demand, free from Government tax.
GEORGE ALGER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
TONTINE BUILDING, 52 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1868.
FORTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Six (6) per Cent. out of the earnings of the road for the three months ending 31st inst., and also Two (2) per Cent. out of the earnings of steamers, sailing vessels, &c., for the year ending 31st inst., 1868, both payable in gold, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 5th of January next. Transfer books will be closed on the afternoon of the 26th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 7th prox.
HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three and one-half per cent. on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable Jan. 4, 1869, and an annual dividend of four per cent. on the Common Stock, payable Jan. 15, 1869, both at the office of the Agents of the Company, Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 13 Pine-st., New-York, to holders of same as registered at closing of books, less the Government tax.
The transfer books will be closed on the 31st of December, and reopen for transfer on the 16th of January next.
JOHN B. DUMONT,
Assistant Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15, 1868.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 30) of 2½ per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868, and semi-annual interest of 3½ per cent., less Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after Monday, the 19th day of January, 1869, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Company, to those registered at Pittsburgh. The transfer books will close on SATURDAY, 26th inst., at 2 P. M., and reopen TUESDAY, the 20th of January, 1869, at 10 A. M.
F. D. HITCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1868.
DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT. FREE of Government tax—will be paid to the stockholders of this Company, or to their legal representatives, on the 2d day of January, 1869, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in the City of New-York.
The transfer-books will be closed at 2 o'clock P. M. of Saturday, 19th December instant, and reopened on the morning of Monday, 4th January, 1869.
WM. F. STAUNTON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER OF 4TH-AV. AND 27TH-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1868.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next, at this office.
The transfer books will be closed at 2 P. M. Dec. 23, 1868, and opened at 10 A. M. on the 4th day of January next.
C. VANDERBILT, Jr., Treasurer.

ROME, WATERTOWN AND OGDENSBURG RAILROAD, VICE-PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
No. 13 COLLEGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1868.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. (free) to stockholders of record at the sale on the 20th inst., has been continued until the 4th day of January, 1869, at the Seymour House, Oshkosh, Wis., commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., when the thousand acres remain unsold. Scrip will be received as before, on all bids over $12 per acre.
JAMES H. HOWE, Commissioner.
CHICAGO, Dec. 16, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING COUPONS DUE Jan. 1, 1869, will be paid on and after that date on presentation at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN, & CO., Bankers:
Albany City.
Buffalo City.
Chicago City Municipal.
Chicago City Water Loan.
Chicago City Park.
Charleston Gas Light Company.
Alabama State Eight Per Cents.
Missouri State, issued to Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, "Convertible."
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Fifteen Per Cents.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a dividend of $6 66-100 per cent., of which four per cent. will be paid to stockholders on and after the 11th inst., the balance, $2 66-100 per cent. having been applied to the payment of the County and City taxes, as assessed, upon stockholders.
The transfer books will be closed until 11th inst.
C. S. STEVENSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE HUDSON IRON COMPANY,
HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1868.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF the Hudson Iron Company have this day declared a dividend of Two per Cent., payable

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST BY DAY LIGHT.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
EUROPE.....Reserved.....SATURDAY, Jan. 9
VILLE DE PARIS.....Surmont.....SATURDAY, Jan. 23
FRANCE.....Ducuing.....SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT.....Roussau.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine.)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $140; second cabin, $90.
TO PARIS.
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $145; second cabin, $95.
Steerage, $30.
Note.—Steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the discomfort of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 56 Broadway.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COVE HARBOR.
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6
CHINA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13
CUBA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20
ASIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27
AUSTRALASIAN leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10
And every Saturday and Wednesday thereafter.
Cabin Cabin Passage.....$130
Second Cabin Passage.....80
TO PARIS.
Cabin Cabin Passage.....145
Berths not secured until paid for.
Passage in gold.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built Steamers, are intended to sail
EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20, North River, 12 o'clock, noon.
ACADIA.....Jan. 9 BRITANNIA.....Jan. 30
ROWAN.....Jan. 16 UNITED KINGDOM.....Feb. 6
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 23 NORTH BRITAIN.....Feb. 13
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and $70.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; Intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $37.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York, to
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
LIVERPOOL, QUEENSTOWN AND NEW-YORK.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.
MINNESOTA.....2,965 tons.....Jan. 6, at —
COLORADO.....2,813 tons.....Jan. 20 at —
NEBRASKA.....2,548 tons.....Jan. 27 at —
MANHATTAN.....2,995 tons.....Feb. 3, at —
Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $30, currency.
Tickets to and from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage of
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP ENGLAND, THOMPSON.
Will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, Nos. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
SIBERIA.....Jan. 7 TRIPOLI.....Jan. 28
ALEPPO.....Jan. 14 PALESTINE.....Feb. 4
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.
Cabin.....$80, Gold.
Steerage.....$30, Currency.
Berths and tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at low est rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-Green.
E. CUNARD.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,
BY STEAMSHIPS AND SAILING PACKET.
AT REDUCED RATES.
DRAFTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.
For particulars apply to
JAPSOOTS, BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 88 South-st. and No. 79 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
The Iron Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
ETNA.....Saturday, Jan. 9, 1 P.M.
CITY OF MANCHESTER (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1 P.M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Jan. 16, 9 A.M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 P.M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$130 Steerage.....$30 and $35
To London.....105 To London.....35 and 40
To Paris.....115 To Paris.....40 and 45
Halifax.....30 Halifax.....15
St. John's, N. F., by } 45 St. John's, N. F., by } 30
Branch Steamers. } Branch Steamers. }
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 20th, upon the arrival of the British Mail Steamer at Aspinwall. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaves New-York for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month, will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports. A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Hokitika.
For further information regarding rates of freight, passage, &c., &c., apply to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 56 Wall-st., or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 56 William-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin.
Outside. Inside. Second Cabin. Steerage.
$275 $250 $150 $80
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon.
FOUR TIMES A MONTH
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Jan. 9, ALASKA, Capt. GRAY, connecting with COLORADO, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Steamer leaving Jan. 9 connects closely with steamer JAPAN, leaving San Francisco Feb. 4, 1869, for China and Japan.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

NOTICE—TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—The steamer ALASKA will sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 12 M., from Pier No. 42 North River. Freights received until 4 P. M. Friday, 8th inst.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 22d of every month:
MERRIMACK, Capt. D. F. TINKHAM, Jan. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKELPAUGH, Feb. 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. H. ELCOMB, March 22.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning.
For engagements of freight or passage apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch their splendid steamer, the
COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICE, Dec. 31
at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to
GEO. E. FARTHON, President, No. 6 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES MAIL, TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
EAGLE, Capt. M. N. GREENE, Jan. 7, 1869.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. E. ADAMS, Jan. 14.
COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICE, Jan. 21.
For freight or passage apply to
GEO. E. HARTSON, President,
No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, sailing every twenty days. The fine sid wheel steamship SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. DIXON, will leave Pier No. 17 east River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $60 currency. For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR MOBILE.
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer
FLAG, Capt. HOFFMIR,
on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Through receipting. Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.
Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.
For freight or passage apply to
T. E. ROBERTS, Agent, No. 71 Chambers-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA.
Over the United States mails.
The well-known side-wheel steamship
ROBERT LOWNDES, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 36 North River, on
SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M.
DE SOTO follows.....Jan. 16
Through rates and through bills of lading to Galveston, Indianola, Lavaca and Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.
No freight received after 12 o'clock on day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 45 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
QUITO.....NELSON.....SATURDAY, Jan. 9
MARIPOSA.....KENDALL.....SATURDAY, Jan. 16
Through tickets for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at lowest rates.
For passage or freight apply to the agents,
R. R. CROMWELL & SON, No. 2 West-st.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—The steamer ALASKA will sail on THURSDAY, Jan. 7, at 12 M., from Pier No. 42 North River.
Freight received until 4 P. M. WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

SHIPPING.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
The first-class steamship RUSH VILLE will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply on board, or to
H. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 15 West-st.
Cabin passage $30.

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL PRINTER,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1868.
In pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act to further regulate the printing of the public documents and the purchase of paper for the public printing," approved on the 27th of July, 1868, Sealed Proposals will be received until TUESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for furnishing the Paper for the public printing until the 31st day of December, 1869; the said proposals to be opened before, and the award of contracts to be made by the Committee on the Library of Congress on Public Printing, to the lowest and best bidder for the interests of the Government. The subjoined schedule specifies the description and quantity of each and every kind of paper that will be required, but the contracts will be entered into for all that may be needed during the year, and no more:
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22,000 reams of fine Printing Paper, uncalendered, measuring 24x38 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
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3,000 reams Flat Cap, 12x17½, or 14x17 inches.
4,000 reams Double Cap, 17x20 inches, or 17x28 inches.
2,000 reams Demy, 16x20½ inches.
2,000 reams Double Demy, 20½x32 inches.
2,000 reams Folio Post, 17x22 inches.
1,000 reams Double Folio Post, 22x34 inches.
500 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
500 reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
500 reams Super Royal, 20x28 inches.
500 reams Imperial, 22½x31 inches.
800 reams Cover Paper, measuring 20x25 inches, and of any required color.
3,000 reams of any required size not enumerated above, and not exceeding 31x50 inches.
CLASS 6.—PAPER FOR POST OFFICE BLANKS, (engine-sized.)
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Each class will be considered separately, and be subject to award to one bidder or more; but no bidder may offer for one or more of the classes in the same proposal.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or District-Attorney, in the penalty of $25,000 that the bidder or bidders shall execute the work if the Joint Committee on Public Printing desire to make the contract with him or them, and such proposal must also be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the person or persons making it can command the necessary facilities, and are practically acquainted with the business of publications.
The joint committee will furnish any desired information that they may possess concerning these proposals, on application to John D. Defrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.
Proposals will be indorsed on the envelopes, "Proposals for the Publication of the Congressional Printing," and addressed to the care of Hon. H. B. Anthony, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing; Hon. A. H. Laflin, Chairman of the House Committee on Printing, or John D. Defrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.
By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.
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PROPOSALS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE DEBATES IN CONGRESS.
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING,
FORTIETH CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 1868.
The Joint Committee on Public Printing of the Fortieth Congress, third session, invite sealed proposals until the 14th of January, 1869, for reporting and publishing the debates in Congress, in accordance with the following section of an act approved July 20th, 1868:
SECTION 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts authorizing the publication of the debates in Congress are hereby repealed from and after the 4th day of March next, and the Joint Committee on Printing is hereby authorized and required to invite proposals for the publication of the actual proceedings and debates in Congress, upon a plan and specifications to be previously published by them, and shall also ascertain the cost of such publication by the Superintendent of Public Printing, and shall report as soon as practicable such proposals and estimate of cost, together with a bill to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress.
The joint committee have adopted the present plan of publication, in a daily paper containing no political matter, and no speeches other than in full, in such form, but they also invite propositions for publication in other forms, as the whole subject is to be laid before Congress for its final approval and action.
All proposals should embrace: First, the furnishing of a corps of reporters for each House, acceptable to its Committee on Printing, and sufficiently large to report the debates promptly.
Second—The publication of the debates in a daily paper, to contain no political matter, to be issued in time to be sent from Washington by the earliest mails leaving on the morning of its publication; the proposition to state the kinds of type to be used, and the price per thousand ems, including all changes, corrections and additions to matter put into type; also, the prices for the publication of the debates in type to be used, and the price per thousand ems, including all changes, corrections and additions to matter put into type; also, the prices for the publication of the debates in pamphlet form, and the number reported; and also the weight, size and quality of the paper to be used.
Third proposal to state what the first five hundred copies of each number of the paper so printed will be furnished for, and what each additional copy will be furnished for.
Fourth—Persons making proposals will state whether or not they propose to make any additional charge for mailing the daily edition, messengers, indexing the quarto edition, waiting for copy, or any other service connected with the reporting and publication of the debates; and if there be, to state what those charges will be, with the understanding that no claim will be made for remuneration or extra compensation in any shape beyond what is embraced in the proposals.
No proposal will be received unless accompanied with a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or District-Attorney, in the penalty of $25,000 that the bidder or bidders shall execute the work if the Joint Committee on Public Printing desire to make the contract with him or them, and such proposal must also be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the person or persons making it can command the necessary facilities, and are practically acquainted with the business of publications.
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OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, NOV. 23, 1868.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
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Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and copies of contracts and other documents can be examined at the same office, on and after December 10, 1868, and blank forms furnished for contracts, specifications, proposals and bonds.
All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Ilsen, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 1868.
Will be sold, at public auction, under the direction of Capt. W. B. Gill, Military Storekeeper, United States Army, on account of the United States, at Schuylkill Arsenal, Gray's Ferry-road, in the City of Philadelphia, Penn., on THURSDAY, the 7th of January, 1869, at 10 A. M., the following-named articles of damaged clothing and equipage, viz.:

29	Forage Caps,	30	Haversacks,
22	Blankets, woolen,	597	Knapsacks, strapped,
216	Uniform Coats,	2,750	Mess Canteens,
65	Uniform Jackets, cavalry,	62	Hatenet Handles,
1,333	Uniform Jackets, light artillery,	411	Camp Colors,
819	Great Coats, horsemen,	2	Storm Flags,
20	Great Coats, footmen,	2,798	pounds Burlaps, old,
64	pair Trousers, horsemen,	1,169	pounds Cuttings, white cotton,
292	pair Trousers, footmen,	10,161	pounds Cuttings, old tent,
157	Sack Coats, lined,	2,355	pounds Paper, old,
16	Sack Coats, unlined,	1,485	pounds Rope, old,
479	Shirts, flannel and knit,	1,974	pounds Scraps, iron,
809	pair Drawers,	288	pounds Scraps, old Knapsacks,
167	pair Socks,	600	Gloves, old.

1 lot Lumber, old; also, a quantity of Chevrons, Feathers, Fifes, Scales, Drums, &c., &c.
The sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M. on the day above mentioned, and continue from day to day until the whole of the property advertised is sold.
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THE NEW-YORK HOSPITAL.

Remonstrance Against the Proposed Removal of the New-York Hospital.

To the Governors of the New-York Hospital:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned physicians and surgeons of the institution under your charge have been informed that you have resolved to lease its present site on Broadway, and that the proposition to remove the hospital to Bloomingdale finds favor with the majority of your Board.

Against this proposed change of location we beg leave to enter our respectful remonstrance, and to invite your earnest attention to the following considerations, upon which our remonstrance is based:

In a communication which the physicians and surgeons had the honor to lay before your Board more than a year ago, when the question of the removal to Bloomingdale was first agitated, we dwelt upon the important position which the New-York Hospital has occupied from its foundation as an asylum for cases of surgical accident and acute disease, requiring prompt succor and watchful care. Its location, in the centre of a dense and rapidly increasing population, made it for years the most important charity in the City, and the great number and variety of the cases of disease and injury which have been treated in its wards have secured for it a higher and more extended reputation than has ever been enjoyed by any similar institution in the country. The care of chronic and incurable cases has always been regarded as foreign to the functions of this hospital. The system of regular inspection and supervision by the Governors themselves, and the daily attendance of the physicians and surgeons, have been rendered necessary by the large number of surgical injuries and acute diseases which have always occupied its wards. The removal of the hospital to Bloomingdale, however, must convert it into an asylum for chronic and incurable invalids. Instead of being surrounded, as it has been for many years, by a dense population, and easy of access for the victims of the accidents and diseases which are incidental to commercial and manufacturing interests, it would for many years find itself isolated in a scarcely settled region, and for some time, certainly, cut off from easy and rapid communication with those districts of the City where accidents and the conditions that produce disease chiefly occur.

It may be urged that the growth of the City will soon absorb Bloomingdale, and that the means of rapid transit, already contemplated between the upper and lower parts of the island, will make it accessible. But, though the most sanguine expectations in regard to the development of the City above the Central Park, within the next five years, should be realized, it is probable that the contiguity of the Bloomingdale property to the Park and the projected boulevards, will establish a neighborhood that is not likely to need or encourage such an institution as its founders intended the New-York Hospital to be. As illustrations of the imperative necessity of such a hospital as the one under your control in the lower part of the town, the recent explosion of the steam fire-engine in the Bowery, and the late ferry disaster, might be cited. The victims of such accidents as these would hardly have been taken to Bloomingdale under the most favorable conditions for transportation; the number of transfers necessary, and the time consumed would have seriously imperiled their comfort, if not their chances of life. Such disasters as these are not uncommon in the records of the New-York Hospital, and a host of witnesses, living and dead, have testified their grateful appreciation of the prompt succor received within its walls.

But there is another consideration which, in the opinion of the physicians and surgeons, militates strongly against the removal of the hospital to Bloomingdale; we refer to the loss, which would thereby ensue, of the beneficent influence which this institution has always exercised as a clinical school. As the successors of the long line of distinguished teachers who have shed renown upon the New-York Hospital, we may be parconed for speaking earnestly upon this point.

The Governors of the hospital have always exhibited the most enlightened liberality in encouraging the cause of clinical education; not only by allowing the free admission of students from all the colleges, but by making generous provision for the keeping of records, the establishment of a library and a pathological cabinet. The results of their encouragement are to be found in the deservedly high and widely extended reputation of their institution as a clinical school. In all parts of the country witnesses could be found to testify to the lessons of inestimable value learned in its wards, and the contributions which it has enabled its surgeons to make to the literature of the profession are found in many of the standard books and journals throughout Europe and this country.

It is evident that in the adoption of every measure for the cultivation and diffusion of the clinical privileges of the hospital, the Governors have recognized the mutual advantages which such a course conferred upon the patients and the public; securing at once for their patients the benefit of the highest professional skill, and extending at the same time to the public the blessings conferred by intelligent experience and scientific improvements. It may be safely affirmed that all true progress in the medical and surgical art has been mainly due to the opportunities afforded by hospitals of studying disease on a large scale and under uniform conditions. The recognition of this fact has led to the encouragement of clinical instruction in all the large hospitals in Europe; and in this country, and in many of the large cities of Europe hospitals have colleges connected with them—an alliance which certainly presents inestimable advantages both for science and humanity.

If the New-York Hospital is removed to Bloomingdale, it will be so remote from the medical colleges, and is likely to be so changed in its character that, for many years at least, it will exercise no influence as a clinical school, and its honorable fame as such must become a record of the past. We believe the public, as well as the profession, will contemplate this result with profound regret, on the one hand, that the rebuilding of the institution within the limits of the populous portion of the City will secure for it the cordial sympathy and support of all classes of citizens. A third objection to the removal to Bloomingdale, the importance of which cannot be exaggerated, is the unhealthiness of that portion of the island. The malarial character of the soil is well known, and it must be a long time before a proper system of drainage and sewerage can reclaim the locality from this morbific influence. Diseases of malarial origin are not unfrequent among the patients of the hospital while there is scarcely a family in the vicinity that has not suffered more or less from them. The work of grading, the laying out of streets and the sewering of this part of the island will doubtless aggravate seriously the existing malarial influence of the region. The building of a hospital, inviting patients suffering from surgical injuries and acute diseases, in such a locality might be justified by necessity in a military campaign, but could hardly be defended in a community which is able to respect sanitary laws.

In the fourth place, the physicians and surgeons wish to call the attention of the Governors to the imperative necessity, existing and prospective, of a large hospital on the western side of the City, and at a point not higher up than Twenty-third or Thirty-fourth-street. It is important for many reasons that hospital accommodations in a large city should be proportioned to the density of the population, and so distributed as to afford prompt and accessible relief in the regions where they are most needed. A glance at the topography of New-York, in regard to its hospitals, will show that, leaving out the dispensaries, all the hospital accommodation, east of Broadway, on the dividing line, is furnished by Bellevue Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, the German Hospital, the Woman's Hospital, and the Colored Home; while west of Broadway, on the other hand, we have the New-York Hospital, St. Vincent and the Mount Sinai Hospitals, the two latter being small and denominational institutions. Should the New-York Hospital, therefore, be removed to Bloomingdale, it will leave a population of over 800,000 without any accessible hospital accommodation, except such as can be afforded by St. Vincent and the Jews' Hospitals. When we consider the amount of shipping harbored on the North River shores, the number of commercial warehouses and manufacturing establishments, and the important railway depots embraced in the lower western half of the City, and in Jersey City and Hoboken, it is impossible to overestimate the importance of having a large hospital near at hand, to meet the emergencies in the way of accidents and disease incidental to such a region.

In conclusion, the physicians and surgeons beg that you will give the objections which have been stated to the proposition to remove the hospital to Bloomingdale a fair and earnest consideration. They would respectfully recall to your mind the fact that the institution was originally proposed, and the charter for its foundation obtained, through the efforts of medical men, and that its distinction, as well as the charities it has dispensed, are largely due to the fidelity and self-sacrificing devotion of its physicians and surgeons.

We realize the necessity of a wise administration of the financial interests of the institution; at the same time we cannot believe it is necessary to sacrifice for a period of years the usefulness of the hospital to the securing of prospective wealth. We believe the interests of science and the needs of suffering humanity are paramount to all other considerations, and we respectfully ask for them your earnest attention.

Signed by Drs. W. H. Van Buren, Parker, Halsted, Stevens, Sands, Allen, Krackowizer, Buck, Peters, Macdon, Cook, Buckley, W. H. Draper, Stowe, M. Smith, Hackley and McLane.

Working-woman's Home.

This interesting establishment is well worth a visit to those interested in the problem of cheap living. The Working-woman's Home was established in October, 1867, with the idea of entertaining working-women at very low rates of living, it being suggested that large numbers would resort thither. It could accommodate five hundred persons, but there have never been more than two hundred and fifty residing in the house at one time, notwithstanding that board of excellent quality, including washing, are obtained at $3 50 to $3 50 a week, with the use of baths, fine pictures, piano-forte and a library. The rooms are stated to be airy, partly on account of its location on No. 29 Bleecker-street, but chiefly because so many members have received. Women prefer boarding where they can enjoy the social converse of men, and although gentleman visitors are allowed in the parlors until 10 o'clock at night, yet that is not deemed sufficient. They are desired at table, and as constant residents, and, on this account, many women pay higher prices for board elsewhere. The question of admitting male boarders is in progress of discussion by the trustees, and the manager, Mr. FIELD. The great cheapness and comfort of the Home would attract many applications if this project should be carried out. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed there at the close of New-Year's Day. Tableaux and a masquerade took place, and the dancing was quite spirited. Many gentlemen were present. The boarders now number two hundred and twenty-five. At the low prices mentioned the running expenses of the house are paid, but not the interest on the cost of the property. An addition of boarders, to the amount of four hundred, would more than cover this deficit.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Stability in Forms of Government—Discourse by Rev. Dr. Hopkins.

Rev. Dr. HOPKINS, President of Williams College, yesterday, at the Madison-square Presbyterian Church, repeated a discourse delivered at the quarter-century anniversary of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, held at Marietta, Ohio. Services commenced at 3:30 P. M. The following was Dr. HOPKINS' text:

"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure."—Isaiah, xxxiii., 6.

The reverend gentleman asked what was stability? It is not permanence. These may coincide, but are not the same. The ocean is permanent, but not stable. A mountain is both permanent and stable. A people are permanent; their Government may or may not be stable. Stability presupposes permanence. It implies force acting on permanent materials. It is one thing to say of anything that it is and endures, and another to say of it that it stands. It not only is, but is sustained as it is by a permanent force. This is obscurely felt by all, but is distinctly recognised by the subtler perception of the poet when he says—

"'Tis by Thy strength the mountains stand,
God of eternal power."

As thus understood, stability will differ in character and value with the forces that cause it, and the materials made stable. There may be a stability of mere quiescent matter, as of the pillars in a temple. There they stand; there they will stand. This may give us an order, but an order of stagnation. There may also be, as in the planets, the higher stability of systems of material and regular movements. There the stability is not in the things themselves, but in the force, and the movement and the underlying idea. The speaker then proved that analogous to these two forms of stability in matter, were two of the times, that is, of Governments and of the social state. There may be a stability imposed by physical force from without that shall hold individuals and classes in fixed relations, and shall produce identity of expression from age to age. This will produce order, but like its corresponding stability in matter, it will be an order of stagnation. So has it been for generations in India and China. There have been a stability and order, but a stability without growth and an order without progress. So must it be with any despotism, whether it be of ideas or of men. If men worship the past under the form of their ancestors, or under any form, the future will be but a petrified past. If they are controlled by rules that despotically they will be used as instruments for the purpose of power or of gain, and the sacred name of order being prostituted to hallow the perversion, they will be held changelessly in that order in which they may best subserve their ends. Under such an order there may be vast progress in mechanical and decorative arts, in the fine arts and cunning in works which require masses of men under the direction of one will, and the accumulated product of their toil, in all that is called civilization in distinction from manhood, and there may be a submissive contentment of classes within their own class that some will call happiness; but the instincts of the progressive, the wants of the race are not thus met, and all legitimate agitations and upheavals and revolutions have been from a quickened and expanding humanity struggling against the incrustations of such an order. The second form of stability referred to, and as possible for the times, is symbolised, not by the quiescent stability of things in themselves, giving an order of stagnation and of death, but by the stability from movements, as in the heavens. This would give a stability and order compatible with growth, as in a tree, and not only permitting, but requiring constant progress toward the perfection and salvation of the race. A stability thus symbolised, and viewed in its widest extent, gives us the highest and grandest conception that the human mind can reach. This is that of an intelligent and moral system corresponding in mind and grandeur to the physical system, and held forever by the stability of a progressive order under the government of an infinite and perfect God.

With this view of stability, the central word and idea of the text, the speaker proceeded to state from that, and to illustrate the following propositions: First—That the thing to be desired by a people is stability of the times. Second—That the stability to be thus desired can only be the result of wisdom and knowledge. Third—That in such stability there will be a strength that will insure salvation in any emergency. Fourth—That the fear of God is here identified with wisdom in that in a nation which He regards as His treasure, and in this that on which the stability will depend. Fifth—That the Christian college is an essential means of the wisdom and knowledge needed for the stability of this people; that the college society is to be greatly commended for what it has done during the past twenty-five years, and to be encouraged and sustained in what it proposes to do. The reverend gentleman having entered into a lucid proof of these assertions, and after a comparison of the different forms of government, uttered the following words with regard to a republican form of government: "It has been said that a republican government is stronger than any other. With wisdom and knowledge it is; without them it is weaker than any other. Under any form of government wisdom and knowledge are strong. Knowledge alone is strong. Of this we are having signal examples in our day. In one week Atlanta went down before Prentiss, because Prentiss had a deeper spirit of wisdom in her counsels, and more knowledge among her people. But of this and of the strength of a republic, our own country furnishes the best examples. No other form of Government and no other people could have withstood such a shock and endured such a strain as this government and this people withstood and endured during the late civil war. No other people could have presented such a spectacle as was presented by this people at the time of their first uprising, or on the second election of President LINCOLN, or on the events consequent to his assassination. The conditions were untoward. There was prejudice and faction and treason. Different and discordant nationalities had been poured in upon us. There was ignorance and corruption. But there was among the people a wider diffusion than ever before of wisdom and knowledge, and these gave rise to an intelligent patriotism that disregarded death and demanded taxation, and became to the nation in the hour of its peril, a strength of salvation. It was the educated mind and trained heart of the country that saved it. And if this could be under such conditions we can readily see how wisdom and knowledge might be so diffused as to become a stability that nothing could shake. Let a people know each other as worthy of confidence, let them know their institutions as their own, and comprehend them as meeting their wants with the least possible burden, and the voice of reason and the behests of duty would command with the promptitude of every high impulse to make them stand as a wall of adamant about those institutions. Such a people would not have dissentions among themselves and could not be conquered. They would 'be all righteous, and would inherit the land forever.'" With regard to collegiate training the reverend gentleman said that liberal education admits of a grand ideal. It becomes one of the fine arts, and the highest of them. Not the mere teacher, not the lecturer, not the professor who sits in his chair and utters teachings which his pupils may take or not as they please, but the educator, he who induces, molds and directs the power is the high artist. Others may make artisans; He makes men. It is the object of the college to make men. The speaker then referred to the probable effect on general education, of a judicious distribution of them through the land. He closed by urging the congregation to contribute largely for the support of such institutions.

The Dover-street Mission School.

The third annual festival of this school was held recently at the New-York Port Society's Mission room, corner of Water and Dover streets. This school was organised nearly four years ago, and has been continued since then through the indefatigable energies of Capt. B. RICHARDSON, who was materially assisted by Messrs. BUR, EGGLESTON, MACY and others. These gentlemen sustain all the expenses of the school, including rent, teachers' salaries, books, &c., together with a substantial dinner for every child, each day.

The school now numbers about sixty-five children, picked up, many of them, out of the very worst dens of Water, and Dover, and other contiguous streets, where they would have remained until this day in all their vice and wretchedness had it not been for these efforts.

The room for the school is directly over the Mission, a light, well-furnished room, where they are taught during the week the ordinary branches taught in our best schools, by Miss DAVIS, an able teacher and musician. On the Sabbath the children are formed into a Sabbath School under the superintendence of G. W. ROBERTSON, Esq., of the old Brick Church, a young man of energy and heart, who remarked to the visitor that he found sweeter reward in teaching these poor children than he ever did in teaching the children of the rich. The anniversary exercises showed the importance of this kind of effort among this destitute and most degraded class of children in our City.

A more clean, orderly, and well-behaved number of children could not have been assembled anywhere; and their singing, recitations and speaking of pieces could not have been excelled by any children of the same age. The whole exercises reflected great credit upon all concerned. The notorious JOHN ALLEN's boy CHESTER, who astonished so many with his wonderful exhibitions last Summer, learned the most he knew, that was worth knowing, at this school, being a member from the first until quite recently.

The presents to the children were displayed upon a beautiful Christmas-tree, and were of the most sensible and substantial kind. Instead of worthless toys, each child received some valuable article of dress. Some of the children received each a full suit of clothes. A paper bag was also presented to each child, with cakes, oranges and candies.

It should be noted also that this school employs a lady who visits every week all the houses of prostitution in this neighborhood, and reads the word of God to these wretched inmates. She has always been received with the greatest respect and listened to with attention. In this way many children have been hunted up and gathered into this school. The friends of this school have been doing their work very quietly, but most effectually. Would that hundreds more might be established of the same kind in these vilest parts of our City.

The Woman's Union Missionary Society—Meeting in Brooklyn—Addresses by Rev. Drs. Eddy, Storrs, Schenck and Buddington.

A meeting of the members and friends of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from the various Evangelical Churches of Brooklyn, was held in the church, on the Heights, (Rev. Dr. EDDY's,) last evening. The exercises were commenced by Rev. Dr. BUDDINGTON, of the Clinton-avenue Congregational Church, reading a portion of the Scriptures and offering prayer.

Rev. Dr. EDDY, who conducted the exercises, in stating the object of the meeting, said that the Society was formed in 1861 by ladies, and its membership was of ladies only, in response to the desires of missionaries, especially those who were laboring in Asiatic countries, as the only means of reaching the women in Oriental countries. Under the auspices of the Society there were sixteen missionary women in Burmah and India, and sixty-six Bible-reading women in Burmah, India, China, Turkey and Mexico. Dr. EDDY pronounced the work of this Society the true solution of the problem of "woman's work."

Mr. S. T. WARREN was then called upon, who spoke of the remarkable success of the Society, and read some extracts from the correspondence of the missionary women, from which it appeared that in Oroomiah, where were 300,000 women in need of the Gospel, to say nothing of the millions in the immediate region of that city. To meet this exigency there were twelve missionaries and a number of native women laborers. The correspondence revealed the fact of the seclusion of the women of India from out-door life. Miss DARTMOUTH wrote of forty women whom she was engaged in teaching, not one of them had the knowledge of having a soul to be saved. Some of these women had, however, come to see Jesus and to believe in His name, confessing that their gods had never provided salvation for their souls, and they were truly grateful for their new sense of safety. Not a few had evinced a disposition to be solicitous about the truth of Christianity. The embracing of the doctrines of these women involved the sacrifices of friends and home, unless the Word of God had been powerful in the household. To effect a change in India of a progressive character the women—the mothers must be reached, for only through them was Indian society to be regenerated.

Rev. Dr. SCHENCK, JR., of the Church of the Pilgrims, made a brief address. He said that the objects of the Society must commend it to Christ an people. It was a society of women for the salvation of heathen women, and to add anything to that would be like attempting to paint the violet, or to illuminate the sun. The speaker then discoursed upon the lack of education among women in foreign countries, and the importance of the instrumentality of woman for good or evil. It was not necessary to go outside the Bible to find how much a fanatical woman could do to injure the religion of Jehovah; it was amply supplied in the history of the Phœnician Princess Jezebel. He made an eloquent statement of the effect of Jezebel's menace to Elijah. He also described the conversion of Lydia, of Thyatira, at the place of prayer outside of Philippi by the preaching of Paul. The lesson to be learned from these and other instances to which the speaker alluded, was the importance of carrying the Gospel of Christ to the hearts and souls of woman in all nations. He thought that there had been much random work done in the machinery of missions hitherto, and that the Society discovered the great missionary lever, which when touched moved along with the power and speed of a locomotive carrying a village in its train. Then, too, this work of woman abroad was doing much to develop the benevolence of Christians at home. Miss DARTMOUTH, a daughter of a Brooklyn minister, was the chief of the mission station at Oroomiah, and secured a Mission-house at a cost of $30,000, and he thought the women of Brooklyn should feel proud to aid in raising that amount, if they could not raise the whole of it.

Rev. Dr. SCHENCK, of St. Ann's Church, next spoke. He addressed himself more particularly to the "work at home." This Society was the hand of Christian women stretched out to heathen women—the hand of Christian civilization put forth to save souls perishing amid a worse than Cimmerian darkness. It was in the homes of our Christian women that prayers had been offered up, and plans matured for the work of the Society, and it was owing to home influences that the Society had made its successes. The Society involved no expense for official labor; all the home work of the Society was performed by the women who love our Christ. It was a Catholic as well as a woman's work—it was not a sectarian mission, for all the Churches of Christ were represented in the enterprise. It was a fitting time for the departure of the women about to start for their distant field—the week of prayer for the evangelization of the world. The prayers of Christians throughout the world will wait them over the sea and bear them onward to the women of China. The sacrifice of these women about to leave homes of culture and refinement, was one of the sublimest spectacles of these latter days, and the prayer he made was in the name of Christ and the Church, God-speed.

Rev. Dr. BUDDINGTON made the concluding address, bidding farewell to the three ladies—Mrs. BONNEY and her companions—who occupied seats in one of the pews near the pulpit, beside Mrs. DORRANCE, of New-York, who reminded them of the parts that other missionary women had taken before them. He spoke of Dr. WILLARD PARKER's daughter, KITTY, now in Africa, and preferring to remain there and speak for Jesus to the benighted Africans, beside the grave of her husband and her child, to returning home to enjoy the luxuries and comforts provided, in her father's magnificent mansion. He mentioned several other instances of remarkable devotedness on the part of Christian women to the missionary work, and concluded by assuring the ladies about to depart on behalf of those who remained at home, that their right hands would be their cunning and their tongues cleave to the roofs of their mouths if they omitted to remember them in their prayers as they left their homes here to look for other homes across the seas.

The congregation then united in singing a parting hymn, after which Rev. Dr. EDDY closed the interesting exercises by pronouncing the benediction.

New Temperance Hall.

A new temperance hall was opened yesterday afternoon on the lower floor of the building corner of Eighth-avenue and Eighteenth-street, under the auspices of thirteen Divisions, comprising the Western District of the Sons of Temperance of this City. The room is a very commodious one, being about 100 feet deep by 22 feet wide, and furnishing seating room for nearly 500 persons. It has been very neatly decorated, and bears an exceedingly cheerful and comfortable aspect. Adjoining the main room is a smaller one—a reading-room—which will be open daily except Saturday, and will be supplied with all the leading newspapers and magazines, and a library of choice books, accessible to all who may desire to avail themselves of them. Free lectures, temperance, prayer and singing meetings will be held frequently during the year, and a general invitation is extended to the public to attend. The leading mover in the enterprise is Rev. STEPHEN MERRITT, Jr., who generously contributed $1,000 from his private purse toward defraying the expenses of the work.

The audience in attendance yesterday was so numerous that it was impossible to conduct the formal dedication ceremonies of the Order, as originally contemplated, and they were accordingly dispensed with. The Grand Worthy Patriarch of this jurisdiction, Mr. CHAMBERS, presided, and at the commencement introduced Rev. G. F. MCKENRON, who offered prayer. P. G. W. P. OSTRANDER, of Poughkeepsie, Rev. STEPHEN MERRITT, Jr., Rev. A. H. SANDFORD, Rev. LUCIUS H. KING, Rev. G. F. MCKENRON, and Mr. G. J. GEISSEL, of the *Tribune*, and others, afterward delivered appropriate and stirring addresses, in which they appealed earnestly to the Christian community to sustain this worthy undertaking. Several pieces of temperance music were finely sung by the audience at intervals, and the exercises were concluded with the benediction.

Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Westminster Presbyterian Church is between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Twenty-second-street. Yesterday was the occasion of the installation of the new pastor, Rev. GEORGE M. MCKENRON, in place of Rev. Dr. ARCHIBALD, who has accepted the Presidency of Harrison College, in Indiana. Mr. MCKENRON has lately been pastor of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Poughkeepsie. His initiatory sermon yesterday morning served as a means of introducing himself and his sentiments to the congregation. In addition to expressions of orthodox faith and piety, that every encouragement should be given to the poor to visit his church, and that seats, not occupied, should be freely accorded to them. His desire, also, was that members of the congregation should enter into active evangelical work, and visit the poor with words of piety and efforts at an alleviation of the troubles they might find in poverty-stricken homes. He was eloquent upon the evils of intemperance, and hoped that his flock would use every effort to redeem all cases that came individually under their eye, and to spare no means of doing so. The discourse of Mr. MCKENRON was interesting throughout.

The Church Choral Union.

We have been requested to state to the members, associate members and others of the Church Choral Union, that the next general rehearsal will take place on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, punctually, at Trinity Chapel School Rooms, West Twenty-fifth-street. All intending to become associate members are invited to attend, and to make application for introduction to the chorus masters, Mr. A. H. MESSITER, Trinity Church, or to Dr. W. H. WALTER, of TrinityChapel.

There are no entrance fees or yearly dues.

ANOTHER BOND ROBBERY.

Thirty Thousand Dollars' Worth of United States Bonds and a Large Quantity of Bonds, &c., Stolen in Pine-street—No Clue to the Perpetrators.

Another of those mysterious bond robberies, which from time to time occur in this City, was made public yesterday. It appears that on Saturday morning a tin box containing $30,000 worth of United States Bonds, and several valuable deeds, insurance scrip and other papers, was taken from the bank and removed to the office of Messrs. BIENWITH & BOCHOLZ, who do business at No. 29 Pine-street. The box and its valuable contents were placed by the clerk or porter inside of the office railing and behind the desk. Nothing more was thought of the cash-box until 3 P. M., when it was found to have been stolen. It appears that during the interval between 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. three unknown men called at the office of Messrs. BIENWITH & BOCHOLZ and made certain inquiries relative to shipping affairs. They had quite a long conversation with one of the clerks, and when they took their departure, excited no suspicion. Soon afterward a woman called and made similar inquiries. The employes have no recollection of any other persons calling at the office, and therefore suspicion points strongly to the three men. As $26,000 worth of the stolen bonds were negotiable at sight, strenuous efforts are being made by the detectives to regain possession of them.

POLICE COURTS.

JEFFERSON MARKET—LEDWITH, Justice.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.

JAMES CLENNAN quarreled with an unknown man on New-Year's Day in the Second-avenue, and as these disputants were proceeding to blows PAUL FELIX, of No. 473 Second-avenue, interfered in the hope of peace, when CLENNAN turned his wrath upon him, and stabbed him in the back with a knife, causing a dangerous and possibly fatal wound. Capt. CAMERON, of the Eighteenth Precinct Police, has since endeavored to have CLENNAN arrested, and succeeded, with the assistance of Roundsman NICHOLSON, in finding the accused in his bed at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. When the prisoner was arraigned before the Magistrate, Capt. CAMERON made an affidavit that FELIX was too weak and exhausted by his wound to appear as a complainant, so CLENNAN was held to await the result of the injuries inflicted by him.

HOTEL THIEF.

C. BAINBRIDGE SMITH, a guest of the Fifth-avenue Hotel, woke up yesterday morning about 7 o'clock in his room and discovered DANIEL J. LOGAN, aged 39, a native of Philadelphia, in his apartment, busily engaged in rummaging the pockets of his clothing as it lay on a chair. Mr. SMITH sprang from his bed and pursued LOGAN through the corridor. Officer DRAFFIN, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, heard the call for Police, and intercepted LOGAN in his attempt to escape. When brought before the Court, Mr. SMITH stated that LOGAN was attempting to steal $1,000 worth of jewelry and $15 in cash which were in his vest. The prisoner was committed for trial in default of bail.

ROBBED BY A WOMAN.

JEREMIAH S. CLARK, No. 703 Greenwich-street, met MARY HALL, *alias* Duffy, in Greene-street, at 11:30 o'clock on Saturday night, and accompanied her to No. 168 Greene-street, where he went to bed and slept. He subsequently ascertained that MARY left the room with his pantaloons in the pockets of which were a pocket-book containing $60 in cash, a silver mounted pistol valued at $14, a gold watch and hair chain, a pocket handkerchief, and a pair of woolen gloves. She then returned home to 56 Clarkson-street, whereon Officer QUINN, of the Eighth Ward, visiting the room occupied by her, the missing gloves were found on the floor. MARY was arrested and held for trial.

ESSEX MARKET—MANSFIELD, Justice.

ALLEGED BURGLARY.

On Saturday afternoon LOUIS BRIGERMAN, of No. 72 Eldridge-street, left that place, and after an hour's absence discovered that the rear window of his store had been forced open, and two coats, a gold key and a gold ring, all valued at $37 25, had been stolen. At a later hour LEWIS MILLER, a German, aged 40, and a resident of Maryland, was found in possession of the two coats, so he was arrested, and on being arraigned before the Magistrate was committed for trial.

THE TOMBS—HOGAN, Justice.

PICKING POCKETS IN A CHURCH.

Mrs. ELLEN BRENNAN, of No. 117 Nassau-street, attended divine service yesterday at the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, in Barclay-street, and occupied a seat in the gallery. While engaged in her devotions, Mrs. BRENNAN felt MARY ANN CLARK press heavily against her in an uncomfortable manner, and at the same time felt the hand of some person rumbling in the pocket of her dress. As she discovered that her pocket-book, containing a small sum of money, had been stolen from her, she requested MARY ANN to give the same up, and as she refused, Officer HUNT, of the Third Ward Police, was summoned, and he arrested the accused. When she arrived in the court-room, MARY ANN was earnest in her protestations of innocence; but as she was recognized by the Court officers as having been arrested before on similar charges, the Magistrate held her for trial.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

On the night of the 31st ult. JOHN KEARNEY, of No. 90 Water-street, was suddenly assaulted in Washington-street by one WILLIAM DUNCOMB, of No. 512 Canal-street, and one unknown man, who caught him by the throat, knocked him down and robbed him of a coat valued at $15. MURPHY was recognized on Saturday and arrested, when the stolen coat was found in his possession. The Magistrate remanded him for trial at the General Sessions.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

AID FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—A correspondent suggests that in view of the cold weather, and the known poverty of hundreds of our sick and disabled soldiers, and the widows and orphans of men who gave their lives on the battle field for the blessings we now enjoy, the citizens should contribute to their needs and comfort by sending them their cast-off clothing for men, women and children, boots, shoes and bed covering. This can be done easily and effectively by sending them to the Ladies' Union Relief Association through the agency of the Police of the City. Let those who have any of these things to give away send them to the nearest Station-houses for the Association. The Captains of the Precincts will forward them, and the ladies will distribute them. Mrs. J. A. KENNEDY is President of the Association. Associated with her in the good work are Mrs. HAVEMEYER, Mrs. MARSHALL ROBERTS, Mrs. Dr. WORCESTER, Mrs. DR. CLARKSON, the Mrs. COOPER, SPRAGUE, DYKMAN, GRACIOUS SUMNER and others. These ladies have been laboring in this field for the past five years, and many a poor soldier and sailor, widow and orphan have blessed them for their untiring exertions to alleviate their distress.

SUICIDE OF A LOVE-SICK GERMAN.—About 6 o'clock last evening LAWRENCE WHITMAN, a German, residing at No. 28 Chrystie-street, committed suicide at No. 42 Forsyth-street, by shooting himself through the mouth. The deceased arrived in this country about three mon hs ago in company with a young girl, he having deserted his wife and family in the Fatherland. Soon after his arrival in this City the girl abandoned him, and he was arrested a few weeks ago by the Tenth Ward Police because he had attempted to shoot her. He proceeded to No. 42 Forsyth-street last evening with the hope of seeing the fickle fair one, and as he was not looking well the occupants requested him to go up stairs and lie down. He was soon afterward found quite dead. Coroner KENNAN ordered the body to be removed to the Morgue.

FIRES YESTERDAY.—An alarm of fire was given yesterday afternoon on the premises No. 435 West Thirty-eighth-street. The flames were speedily extinguished by the firemen, and as the fire was evidently of incendiary origin, SAMUEL WHITEFORD, aged 44, one of the occupants, was arrested on a charge of attempted arson. Fire-Marshal CHARLES N. BLACKETT was notified to hold an investigation.... Another fire occurred yesterday at No. 54 Courtland-street, occupied by DAY, HOAGLAND & STIGER as a drug-store. A damage of $300 was occasioned.

A SUSPICION CONFIRMED.—The arrest of JACOB EPPSTEIN, of No. 44 Market-street, was recorded in yesterday's TIMES. EPPSTEIN was suspected of receiving stolen goods. JACOB GOLDFORD, of No. 33 Market-street, was also secured at the same time on a similar charge. In their possession were found fifteen pieces of silk fringe, twenty pieces of velvet trimmings, two *full loopes*, five dozen plated forks, two dozen spoons, ten dozen kid gloves, fifty-one pairs of woolen gloves, seventy-one pieces of ribbon, three carpet bags, one trunk, three gold watches, two gold chains, two gold bracelets, two bracelets with agates, two silver watches, eight gold rings, one diamond ring, and the mutilated papers of MYERS DRUCKER, of No. 44 Hudson-street. As the premises of Mr. DRUCKER had been broken into recently, the Detectives consider that they have their case "all made out." The prisoners will be arraigned before Justice SHANDLEY to-day, at the Essex Market Police Court.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday the atmosphere was comparatively mild. The mixture of snow and water under foot made it anything but pleasant walking. In the evening a dense fog hung over the city, and made the ferry-crossing precarious. The Central Park meteorological report for the week ending Jan. 2 sets forth that the mean of the barometer was 30.190; the maximum at 7 A. M. of Dec. 27, 30.854; the minimum at 2 P. M. of Jan. 1, 29.940; making a variation of .414. The thermometer averaged 29.14; the maximum at 2 P. M. of Dec. 28, was 39; the minimum at 9 P. M. of Jan. 1, was 18.5; making the range 20.5. It rained and snowed on Dec. 29, 31, Jan. 1 and 2. The total amount of water was .808 of an inch.

PRIVATE COACHMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—This society met Saturday evening at Putnam Hall, corner of Twelfth-street and Third-avenue, their business being chiefly to arrange the preliminaries for their annual ball to take place at Irving Hall on the 6th inst. The objects of the society are purely benevolent, and from its membership and position are imperatively grounded. It now numbers three hundred and fifty members, and within the past two years has accumulated a fund of over $2,000. The initiation fee is five dollars and monthly dues fifty cents. When a member dies the society donates one hundred dollars for his funeral expenses and fifty dollars in the event of the death of a member's wife. In sickness they are allowed eight dollars a week. Its officers are: Mr. JOHN CROHAN, President; Mr. KANE, Treasurer; THOMAS CONDON, Recording Secretary; RICHARD J. BENZINE, Financial Secretary, and JOHN O'NEILL, Corresponding Secretary.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Another of the old farms on the upper end of the island is about to be divided into City lots, and sold in parcels to suit purchasers. The tract of land known as the Van Rensselaer property, running from St. Nicholas-avenue to Eighth-avenue, has recently been sold by JOHN MCCLAVE. It has some of the most eligible building sites on the island.

THE EPIPHANY.—Next Wednesday, in celebration of the Festival of the Epiphany, there will be high masses in all the Catholic churches of the City, and services in the Episcopalian churches. The decorations which were used on the festival of Christmas will be taken down from all the churches after the Festival of the Epiphany, which is sometimes called "Little Christmas."

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. MOSES P. MURRAY, aged 50, and formerly well known in the book publishing business, died suddenly yesterday afternoon, of hemorrhage of the lungs, at No. 56 Chatham-street. An inquest will be held to-day.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—JOHN COFFEE, aged 45, of No. 53 Mulberry-street, attempted suicide last night by taking sugar of lead. Dr. ANDERSON, of the City Prison, was called by the Sixth Ward Police, and gave an emetic with success.

RECEIPT OF TAXES.—The Collector of City and County Taxes reports the receipt of $20,893,118 up to the end of last week.

MINOR ITEMS.—HENRY SIMONS, aged 38, was found on the corner of First-avenue and Thirty-ninth-street, yesterday, suffering from the effects of some sort of poisonous medicine. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital..... A slight fire occurred yesterday morning in the lager beer saloon of FRANCIS RICHTER, No. 116 West Thirty-fifth-street; damage, $50..... A row occurred on Saturday night, in HENRY LEHMAN'S saloon, corner of Tenth-avenue and Twenty-sixth-street, when several pistol shots were fired, but nobody was hurt. No arrests were made..... MARY MCNALLY, aged 40, of No. 120 Madison-avenue, fell in Broadway and broke her arm.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

BROOKLYN HOMŒOPATHIC DISPENSARY.—This institution which, under the able medical direction of Dr. A. E. SUMNER, has been exceedingly useful in relieving the ills of the sick poor, is just now in need of assistance, the premises having been sold for taxes, the payment of which, owing to a misunderstanding of the law, was neglected. The physicians in charge of the Dispensary have treated gratuitously nearly ten thousand patients during the past year. Unless the friends of the institution give the required assistance, amounting to about $1,000, this important charity will have to be suspended.

A WOMAN RESCUED FROM DROWNING.—At 8 o'clock last evening a woman named CAROLINE FERRING, residing at No. 592 Greenwich-street, New-York, was taken with a fit while standing on the bow of one of the Fulton ferry-boats as it was leaving the New-York slip, and fell overboard. She was promptly rescued by the ferry hands, and taken on board the boat. On reaching Brooklyn she was conveyed to the Fourth Precinct Station-house, property cared for, and then sent safely home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The fifth anniversary of the Sabbath School connected with the Puritan Church, corner of Dekalb-avenue and Walworth-street, was held last evening. Addresses were delivered by Rev. C. H. EVERETT, Pastor of the Church; Rev. GEO. E. THRALL, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, and Mr. WM. OLAND BOURNE, of New-York.

THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN.—Dr. WILLARD PARKER, of New-York, delivered the fifth and last of the course of Sunday lectures to workingmen and their families upon "The House we Live in, or the Physiology and structure of the Human System," at the Plymouth Bethel, to a large and deeply interested audience, last evening. Dr. HENRY WARD BEEC